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DISSOLUTION.
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C. S. INGRAHAM.
CHICAGO, April 1, 1874. C. G. INGRAHAM.

G. F. White has this day been admitted in the firm of Ingraham & Co. The business will be conducted as heretofore under the name of Ingraham & Co., at the old stand, 175, 176, and 177 South Clinton-st., Chicago, where he will continue the manufacture of lasts, etc., and solicit the patronage of the public.
C. G. INGRAHAM.
G. F. WHITE.
CHICAGO, April 6, 1874. S. C. INGRAHAM.

DISSOLUTION.
The copartnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Yonk & Yonk in this city dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Yonk is entitled to collect all debts due said firm, and will pay its liabilities.
CHICAGO, 8th April, 1874. JOHN M. SEAVER, MAX YONK.

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CHINA,
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None need apply except such as have sold Men's Furnishing Goods for many years, and who can furnish first-class references of character.

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AT
50 Cents on the Dollar,
OF THE BALANCE OF MY STOCK,
Continued To-day and To-morrow.
Ladies should not miss this favorable opportunity to secure some unusual Bargains in RIBBONS, LACE and WHITE GOODS.
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NOTICE TO LADIES
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THE PATENT
"REINFORCED" SHIRT BOSOM
Is a great improvement on the common Bosom. DO NOT CRACK OR SLIT OUT IN THE PLAITS. Will iron much smoother, and set better than the old style. They need only be seen to be appreciated. For sale by FIELD, LEITER & CO.

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DR. MARSH'S RADICAL CURE TRUSS is the only Truss that cures Rupture. Apparatus for Bow Legs, Club Feet, Spinal Curvature, &c. Elastic Stockings, Braces, and all kinds of Trusses made, fitted, and warranted.
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Until 18th inst. Tax Sale Certificates held by the City of Chicago can be redeemed at 10 per cent premium, after which date the rate will be increased to 20 per cent.
S. S. HAYES, City Comptroller.
CHICAGO, April 1, 1874.

ALL PARTIES
Contemplating moving, general house-cleaning, painting or calcomining, should call at the COMMISSIONAIRE HEADQUARTERS, 124 Fifth-av.

WASHINGTON.

Further Revelations Made by the District Investigation.

G. R. Chittenden's Influence Said to Have Been Bought for $97,000.

Mr. Chittenden Refuses to Say Anything About the Alleged Bonus.

He Was Promised One-Third of the Profits on the Contract.

Young Mr. De Golyer Tells What He Knows of the Matter.

Sanborn Again Before the Ways and Means Committee.

He Presents His Balance-Sheet for Public Inspection.

Names of the Parties Who Shared in the Spoils.

Secretary Richardson Again under a Cloud.

Rumor that Mr. Dawes Is to Succeed Him.

The House Refuses to Order the Previous Question on the Currency Bill.

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Chicago, it may be said, is just now monopolizing the interest of the District Investigation. Taking the DeGolyer & McClelland paving contracts for a basis, the Chicago witnesses examined yesterday and to-day have succeeded in unfolding quite an interesting narrative. While it is true that their revelations do not redound especially to the credit of the Garden City, still it must be admitted that they have produced considerable of a sensation. The testimony of the Chicago gentlemen examined to-day—Messrs. McClelland and Cook—

BROUGHT OUT SOME RICH FACTS.

The Hon. Charles B. Farwell, as shown by his own statement, telegraphed last night, did the firm great service at much personal inconvenience. Ira Holmes and Charles B. Jenkins were brought forward to-day, the former as the holder of some $72,000 in notes given by McClelland to George R. Chittenden, of Chicago, and the latter as the successor of DeGolyer in the paving contracts. After describing Mr. Chittenden as "a Chicago gentleman, having a beautiful office, and who would put you more in mind of the Lord Mayor of London than any man you could see," Mr. McClelland, the junior partner in the late firm of DeGolyer & McClelland, to-day gave a very interesting history.

THE FIRM'S TRANSACTIONS IN WASHINGTON.

From his statement it would appear that in the winter of 1872 Mr. George R. Chittenden, representing that he had great influence with the Washington Board of Public Works, proposed to obtain large contracts for pavement, and, in consideration of a third interest and the profits, to have the same assigned to De Golyer & McClelland. In pursuance of an agreement to that effect, then made, Mr. Chittenden came to the National Capital and persuaded the Board of Public Works to award to DeGolyer & McClelland contracts for the laying of 200,000 yards of wooden block pavement, at $3.50 a yard. On the return of Mr. Chittenden to Chicago, he said he must have $100,000 for the expenses he had been put to at Washington, and a portion of it he proposed to devote to the

PAYMENT OF THE NATIONAL DEBT.

He afterwards knocked off $3,000 from his original demand, and accepted $97,000, of which amount $25,000 was paid in cash, and the remainder in notes payable in from one to nine months. These notes were placed in Ira Holmes' bank for collection. Some of them were paid in cash at maturity, and others were given up to De Golyer & McClelland upon the assignment by them of stock in their patents to Chittenden. At this point McClelland drops Mr. Chittenden, and, until the latter gentleman comes forward and finishes the narrative, the world must remain in ignorance of the character and extent of his influence with the Washington Board of Public Works, and likewise as to the division of the $97,000 received from De Golyer & McClelland. It has been proposed to call the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain how much of the amount Mr. Chittenden donated towards wiping out the national debt, but Mr. Richardson's well-known ignorance of the affairs of his office is likely to save him the indignity of again being summoned before a committee of Congress.

From

THE TESTIMONY OF MR. JOHN S. COOK,

bookkeeper for DeGolyer & McClelland, it was learned that Mr. Chittenden had agreed to stand between these contractors and the Board of Public Works should any trouble arise during the progress of the work. Trouble did arise, and of a very serious character. Gov. Shepherd, becoming convinced that the DeGolyer No. 2 pavement was not all that it had been represented to him, refused to let the contractors go ahead, and it is represented as telling Chittenden, who had been sent for to

INTERCEDE FOR DE GOLYER & MCCLELLAND,

that he would be damned if they should lay any more of their pavement on the streets of Washington. He kept his word for quite a long time; in fact, until the Hon. Charles B. Farwell removed his objections, as related by the latter gentleman yesterday. Previous to the coming of Mr. Farwell, Chittenden had employed Congressman Parsons, of Ohio, then Marshal of the Supreme Court, to talk to the Board of Public Works in favor of the contractors, and Mr. Parsons managed to

INTEREST GEN. GARFIELD IN THE JOB

to some extent, but how far it is not yet clear. The question now arises, How much did Chittenden divide of the $97,000 with Parsons, Garfield, and Farwell, if any? The stubs of Mr. Chittenden's check-book will probably show. Mr. Cook, in his testimony, stated that, had DeGolyer & McClelland been permitted to finish their contracts, they would have realized a profit, after deducting the $97,000 paid Chittenden, of $325,000. The pavement, for which they were to receive $3.50 per yard, actually cost only $1.40. They had a considerable amount of it in Milwaukee, Wis., at $1.58 a yard, and made money, and for $2.25 a yard they laid at a large profit, a very superior pavement. In Columbus, O.,

ANOTHER WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER-MAN

was to-day discovered to have been mixed up in street-paving contracts. A contractor named Collins, testified that one day during the improvement season, Mr. W. T. Murtagh, proprietor of the *National Republican*, handed him an envelope containing a notice that he (Collins) had been awarded a contract for paving two streets. He was somewhat surprised at this partiality, as he had not applied for the contract. Upon consulting his partner about the matter, the latter advised him to see Murtagh. Mr. Murtagh unhesitatingly told him he expected to share with him equally in the profits which he understood would amount to about $60,000. Collins declined to take the contract on those terms, and some one else got it. The Committee now propose to call the man who did fulfill the contracts for the purpose of ascertaining whether he shared with Murtagh.

EX-GOV. HENRY COOKE

was examined in relation to the real estate pool, but beyond ascertaining that the witness put in $25,000, nothing was learned. Mr. Cooke had such blind, implicit confidence in Kilbourne that he never asked him anything about who the other parties in the transaction were, and did not even take the trouble to make the agreement in writing.

[To the Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—The District Investigation Committee examined this morning R. B. McClelland, of the firm of DeGolyer & McClelland, who laid the wood-pavement on Pennsylvania avenue east. He testified that the firm paid in notes and money to one Chittenden, of Chicago, $97,000 to secure them the contract. McClelland asked Chittenden what he wanted so much money for, and he answered it was to pay his expenses in Washington and part of the national debt; that he did not know where the money went to or to whom it was paid; that before all works under the contract were completed, it was discontinued by order of the Board of Public Works. Chittenden asked Gov. Shepherd to rescind the order and he declined.

Witness paid Chittenden $25,000 cash and $72,000 in notes, the notes as well as the drafts being made payable to the order of DeGolyer & McClelland, and indorsed by them. The notes as they fell due were presented through the Manufacturers' Bank, of Chicago, and the firm were not able to meet them. The firm did pay $20,000 of the notes subsequently, and arranged for the balance by selling for the amount of notes still held

AN INTEREST TO IRA R. HOLMES,

of Chicago, in the patent for the process to treat wood by the Samuels treatment. At the time of selling the interest, Holmes held the notes, but he did not deliver them up, stating that he desired to retain them. In lieu of the notes Holmes gave the firm a written article to the effect that they would never be presented for payment. He said he bought them from a Col. Kirkland. Witness was questioned sharply why he gave Chittenden $97,000, and for what purpose it was to be used. He said he gave it because Chittenden brought him an order to lay the pavement in Washington. He asked Chittenden why he wanted such a large amount of money, but all the answer he could get was that he wanted to defray his expenses in Washington, and help to pay the National debt. Under the order given by Chittenden to the firm, they laid over 54,000 square yards of pavement, when they were

ORDERED TO STOP WORK

by the Board of Public Works. At the time this order was issued, a large amount of lumber was owned by them in the city, and they wanted it worked up. They got Chittenden to come on from Chicago if he could to exert his influence Gov. Shepherd to rescind his order stopping work. Chittenden came on, saw Gov. Shepherd, and returned to Chicago, and reported that Gov. Shepherd had told him that he'd be damned if he would let the work go on, because the citizens complained of the pavement. An extension was finally made, by which 30,000 more yards were laid, but not under the name of De Golyer & McClelland, the name of the firm having been changed when Jenkins came in.

JOSEPH S. COOK,

who was bookkeeper and conducted the business for DeGolyer & McClelland, in this city, was then examined. He testified that in the general course of business of the firm, the $97,000 transaction was mentioned to him. He charged it on the books to an account called "Transat." Did this because he didn't know where the notes were. He also charged a $25,000 draft, cash payment, made to Chittenden, to "transit" account. He understood that $10,000 of this amount was paid to a man named Brown, but not S. H. Brown, of the Board of Public Works. He said he did not think the name of the Hon. D. Huntington was on this transit account.

McClelland, before being discharged as a witness, was directed to forward by express to the Committee all the books of De Golyer & McClelland, as well as all the telegrams and correspondence received by them from Chittenden.

JOHN COLLINS

testified that his partner, Zephaniah Jones, handed him a contract for paving the streets one morning, and that he was surprised because he had never made application for contracts. Jones told him that Murtagh, proprietor of the *National Republican* of this city, had given them to him. Murtagh claimed one-half of the profits, and asked him if he proposed to furnish any means. He said he did not. Jones and Collins built the new *Republican* building. Murtagh based his claim for an interest in the contract because he alleged he had used his influence in securing it. No work was done under the contract because Collins refused to recognize the claim of Murtagh.

EX-GOV. COOKE

testified substantially that, in the summer of 1872 he was informed by Hallett Kelbourne that he intended to make some purchases for customers in real estate, and he wanted his firm (Jay Cooke & Co.) to join in the purchases, which they did to the extent of $25,000. There was no arrangement as to the location in purchasing. There had been no settlement of the matter. There might have been but for the suspension of the firm with which witness was connected. He did not know who the other persons were who were in the pool. He had unbounded faith in the growth of Washington, and invested his money here. His impression was that the pool was to be between $50,000 and $60,000. Witness' individual interest was about $3,000. He had had no particular conversation with Kilbourne in reference the subject. He left the money with him to dispose of in accordance with his judgment.

The Committee adjourned, and notified Gov. Cooke that he would again be called.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. CHITTENDEN.

A reporter of THE TRIBUNE called on Mr. George R. Chittenden yesterday, and learned that he had been summoned by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate to appear before the Investigating Committee in Washington, on Thursday, April 9, but that he had asked a postponement till the 15th on account of important private business, which postponement had been granted. Mr. Chittenden politely but firmly declined to say anything about the alleged payment of $97,000 to him for securing the contract for paving in the District of Columbia, but stated that some years ago, being impressed with the value of the De Golyer patent, No 2, from observations of its utility and durability here, he had asked the firm if they had taken any steps to secure its introduction in Eastern cities. They told him they had not. After a conference with the firm they had offered him (Chittenden) one-third of the profits on all contracts he might secure for them at the East. This was the way he came to have anything to do with the paving in the District of Columbia. He explained that the DeGolyer patent No. 2 consisted of wooden blocks, treated by the Samuels "ironizing" process, laid vertically on the roadway, resting on boards, with self-cementing gravel rammed between the blocks. The Samuels process consists of extracting the sap from the wood, and injecting the pores with iron and lime in solution. The machinery and apparatus for treating wood by Samuels' process, formerly in operation on the North Pier in this city, were removed to Washington by DeGolyer & McClelland, for the purpose of filling their contract there.

STATEMENT OF NELSON DE GOLYER.

A TRIBUNE reporter yesterday called upon Nelson DeGolyer, son of the late senior member of the firm of DeGolyer & McClelland, with a view to obtaining some information with reference to the Washington pavement contracts. Mr. DeGolyer was found in his office in the Methodist Church Block, and, as there were two other gentlemen present, the seeker after knowledge intimated a desire for a private conference, which was readily granted. A little later on, the two gentlemen retired, so that the conversation was unrestricted. The reporter stated his errand thus:

Reporter—For the information of the readers of THE TRIBUNE, I called to obtain some facts in relation to the Washington pavement contracts, concerning which some interesting developments have been made.

Mr. De Golyer—Yes; certainly. What do you wish to know?

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Mr. De Golyer (who had obviously not seen the evening papers containing Mr. McClellan's testimony)—I think that must be a mistake. Mr. McClelland could not have reached Washington before this morning. I have heard nothing about this.

Reporter—My information is upon excellent authority; and, now that the thing has been made public, would you mind telling me what you know about Chittenden and the $97,000?

Mr. De Golyer—I really know nothing about it. I had quit the firm before this took place. I was not aware that this, or any, amount of money was ever paid Mr. Chittenden to secure the contract.

Reporter—Do you know how, or by what means, De Golyer & McClelland secured the contract?

Mr. DeGolyer—I don't know the exact means. The Washington Board of Public Works had a peculiar way of letting contracts. They first advertised for proposals, and then, after the bids were all in, they determined to pay $3.50 per square yard for the pavement. It was a thing which went wholly by favor, and, of course, influence of some sort had to be used in order to secure the contract.

Reporter—It was a fat job, was it not?

Mr. De Golyer—It was thought to be when the contract was obtained, but it resulted in a serious loss.

Reporter (incredulously)—Loss of what?

Mr. De Golyer—That Washington contract ruined the firm of De Golyer & McClelland. My father was worth at least $50,000 before they took this contract, but he died not worth $1. The homestead, even, was plastered over with mortgages. Mr. McClelland lost much more heavily, for my father sold out before the contract was fulfilled.

Reporter—How did the firm lose so heavily in a contract which seemed to leave a wide margin for profit?

Mr. De Golyer—There was a margin of 75 cents per yard, and, as there were 200,000 yards of pavement to be laid, the firm expected to realize a profit of between $75,000 and $100,000. They had made as much as this out of Chicago contracts. They agreed to take their pay in Washington scrip, then worth a little over 90 cents on the dollar, but the scrip depreciated to 50 cents. This was where the heavy loss came in.

Reporter—But as the price per yard was more than double what De Golyer had received for the same pavement in Chicago, there should still have been some profit left.

Mr. De Golyer—You must bear in mind that lumber in Washington was worth $22 per thousand feet, against $10 or $12 in Chicago. This adds at least 75 cents per yard to the cost. Then the cost of laying the pavement in Washington was much greater than in Chicago.

Reporter—Is it now conceded that the ironized pavement is a failure?

Mr. DeGolyer—Yes; there is no doubt of that. But Quimby's testimony was false in several important particulars. At the time he mentions, it was not demonstrated, not known or suspected, that the ironized pavement was a failure. It was not known in Chicago until the following spring, when the pavement on Prairie and South Park avenues began to give out. Lake street was repaired with the same material, and it has not given out yet. Quimby was once connected with the firm, and swore that he would do it some injury.

Reporter—How much has the "ironized" failure cost the firm?

Mr. De Golyer—They laid out over $30,000 in their works and experiments. All that money was sunk.

MOIETIES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MR. RICHARDSON UNDER A CLOUD.

NEW YORK, April 9.—It is rumored here that Grant has signified to Murphy and others of the Custom-House clique that he will begin the unloading process by vetoing the inflation bill if passed by Congress. He claims that the pressure from the Northwestern and Middle States has been too great, and the results of the late elections too significant to be longer disregarded.

Richardson is to be made the financial scapegoat, and sacrificed to cover the blunders of the Administration in its financial policy. Sawyer will be dismissed to satisfy the clamor against the Sanborn contracts, and Banfield will have to go as soon as all the facts are known about the rebate swindles in the silk, ribbon, and fruit cases. The conspiracy in the matter cannot be concealed after the figures called for by Congress are ready, and they are promised in a few days. It is this conspiracy which Commissioner-of-Customs Haines will expose.

It will be shown that by collusion with Treasury officials, false decisions, restoring duties which were legally collected by Haines' orders, were secured by a firm of lawyers in this city, who took the suits of merchants on speculation for 50 per cent of the claims, and then divided the other 50 per cent with an eminent member of Congress and a Treasury official. In this way at least $2,000,000 have been taken from the Treasury in two cases alone.

Among others who are to be unloaded are Bliss and Hawley, Sanborn's assistants in this city. Jayne has gone already, just in time to escape arrest. His family has left the State, and he swears they shall never return.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE EXAMINATION.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The Committee of Ways and Means had another hearing to-day in the Sanborn matter. Sanborn stated that no moneys were paid for obtaining contracts or connection with legislation or with allowances of claims at the Treasury Department, and that while nothing had been realized by syndicates in the Treasury from his disbursements to Morrison in Europe, yet allowed to continue, he thought he could turn in over $5,000,000 from information furnished by him.

Question by Mr. Foster—Has the information arrived at a condition where you are prepared to utilize it now?

Answer—Yes, sir; it is about ready.

Mr. Foster—Who is the Secretary referred to in this account?

Answer—Mr. Stinor.

Q.—Who is Stiner?

A.—He lives in New York; he is a newspaper correspondent.

Q.—Has he any official connection with the Government?

A.—Not now. He used to have. He was Assistant Assessor.

Q.—Has he not some position in the New York Custom-House?

A.—Not that I know of. He is a regular correspondent of the *Herald*. I believe he reports anything about the alleged payment of $97,000 to him for securing the contract for paving in the District of Columbia, but stated that some years ago, being impressed with the value of the De Golyer patent, No 2, from observations of its utility and durability here, he had asked the firm if they had taken any steps to secure its introduction in Eastern cities. They told him they had not. After a conference with the firm they had offered him (Chittenden) one-third of the profits on all contracts he might secure for them at the East. This was the way he came to have anything to do with the paving in the District of Columbia. He explained that the DeGolyer patent No. 2 consisted of wooden blocks, treated by the Samuels "ironizing" process, laid vertically on the roadway, resting on boards, with self-cementing gravel rammed between the blocks. The Samuels process consists of extracting the sap from the wood, and injecting the pores with iron and lime in solution. The machinery and apparatus for treating wood by Samuels' process, formerly in operation on the North Pier in this city, were removed to Washington by DeGolyer & McClelland, for the purpose of filling their contract there.

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It will be shown that by collusion with Treasury officials, false decisions, restoring duties which were legally collected by Haines' orders, were secured by a firm of lawyers in this city, who took the suits of merchants on speculation for 50 per cent of the claims, and then divided the other 50 per cent with an eminent member of Congress and a Treasury official. In this way at least $2,000,000 have been taken from the Treasury in two cases alone.

Among others who are to be unloaded are Bliss and Hawley, Sanborn's assistants in this city. Jayne has gone already, just in time to escape arrest. His family has left the State, and he swears they shall never return.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE EXAMINATION.

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Question by Mr. Foster—Has the information arrived at a condition where you are prepared to utilize it now?

Answer—Yes, sir; it is about ready.

Mr. Foster—Who is the Secretary referred to in this account?

Answer—Mr. Stinor.

Q.—Who is Stiner?

A.—He lives in New York; he is a newspaper correspondent.

Q.—Has he any official connection with the Government?

A.—Not now. He used to have. He was Assistant Assessor.

Q.—Has he not some position in the New York Custom-House?

A.—Not that I know of. He is a regular correspondent of the *Herald*. I believe he reports anything about the alleged payment of $97,000 to him for securing the contract for paving in the District of Columbia, but stated that some years ago, being impressed with the value of the De Golyer patent, No 2, from observations of its utility and durability here, he had asked the firm if they had taken any steps to secure its introduction in Eastern cities. They told him they had not. After a conference with the firm they had offered him (Chittenden) one-third of the profits on all contracts he might secure for them at the East. This was the way he came to have anything to do with the paving in the District of Columbia. He explained that the DeGolyer patent No. 2 consisted of wooden blocks, treated by the Samuels "ironizing" process, laid vertically on the roadway, resting on boards, with self-cementing gravel rammed between the blocks. The Samuels process consists of extracting the sap from the wood, and injecting the pores with iron and lime in solution. The machinery and apparatus for treating wood by Samuels' process, formerly in operation on the North Pier in this city, were removed to Washington by DeGolyer & McClelland, for the purpose of filling their contract there.

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The question in this case arises on the report of H. N. Hibbard, Esq., one of the Registers of this Court, on an application by the Assignee of the bankrupts for an order to expunge the claims of the parties named, as well as a large number of other claims depending on substantially the same facts.

THE TESTIMONY.

It appears from the testimony submitted with the Register's report that in the month of May, 1872, and for several years prior thereto, the bankrupts, Peyton R. Chandler and the firm of Chandler, Pomeroy & Co. were engaged in the business of buying and selling grain on the Chicago market, and as members of the Board of Trade of this city. That Chandler, Pomeroy & Co. were brokers and commission merchants, and Peyton R. Chandler dealt mainly on his own account as a capitalist through Chandler, Pomeroy & Co., who acted as his brokers. That about the middle of May Peyton R. Chandler conceived the idea of making

A CORNER IN OATS

for the month of June then ensuing, and with that view he purchased all the "cash oats" as they arrived in the market, and took all the "options" offered him for June delivery, his purpose being to own all the oats in the market and compel those who had sold "options" for June to pay his price; or, in others words, to settle with him by paying such differences as should exist between the prices at which he purchased the options and the price he should establish for cash oats on the last day of June, when his options matured. In pursuance of this plan, he purchased, between the 15th of May and the 18th of June, 2,500,000 bushels of cash oats, being all, or substantially all, the cash oats on the market, and also bought June "options" to the amount of 2,939,400 bushels. The total amount of oats in store in this city on the 18th of June was only 2,700,000 bushels, from which it will be seen that Chandler practically controlled the market up to that time, and that the amount received during the remainder of the month was only 800,000 bushels. As incidental to run part of the machinery of this corner, Chandler also sold what are called

"PUTS,"

or privileges of delivering to him oats during the month of June for 41 cents a bushel. These "put" contracts are alike in form, and read as follows:

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CHICAGO, June —, 1872.

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The amount paid by the purchasers of these "puts" was ½ cent per bushel for whatever quantity was named in the contracts. The tickets, or contracts, were all signed by Chandler, Pomeroy & Co., and part of them were also signed by P. R. Chandler, but Chandler, Pomeroy & Co. acted as the brokers of P. R. Chandler, and their contract was his. The total quantity of oats sold for these "puts" amounted to about 3,700,000 bushels.

FAILURE.

When Chandler commenced to buy oats with a view to the corner the price in this market was about 39 cents a bushel. After he took possession of the market he put the price to 41 cents and upwards, and held it there till the 18th of June. In the meantime the price had declined in New York and elsewhere, so that oats to ship were not worth over 33 to 35 cents, and July options for this market were not worth over 33 cents. On the 18th of June P. R. Chandler and Chandler, Pomeroy & Co. failed, and the price declined before the close of business that day from 41 to 30 cents, and continued to decline during the remainder of the month, so that before the end of June there was 25 cents per bushel between the time of the failure and 3 o'clock on the 30th of June the holders of the "puts" claimed to have made tender to the bankrupts of the quantity of oats called for by their respective tickets, and the oats not being accepted and paid for, they sold them upon the market that day or the next, under the rules of the Board of Trade, and have proved up their claims for the differences between the price named in the "put" and that for which they sold.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT

of claims thus proved up is about $400,000, and the total amount received by the bankrupts for these puts was less than $19,000,—about $18,500, as I compute it at half a cent a bushel.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

The proof shows conclusively that the plans of Chandler and the fact that he was manipulating the market with express reference to a corner in oats for June, were well known and understood on the Board of Trade, while the number of these "put" claims, about 125, all, or substantially all, in favor of members of the Board, show that the struggle between Chandler, who was endeavoring to hold up prices, and the sellers of "options" and holders of "puts," who were endeavoring to break the price, was quite generally participated in by members of the Board. In other words, it was notorious that Chandler was endeavoring to keep the price at 41 cents or upwards, while the sellers of "options" and holders of "puts" were endeavoring to break down the price. It is true that in this testimony some of the claimants say there was no "corner," or that they did not know that there was a corner, but the cross-examination shows that they knew Chandler was trying to make a corner, and they say he did not do it because he failed before the close of the month, so that by their own admission, they knew that he was attempting—knew the reasons for his purchase of such large quantities of "cash oats," and options, and knew he did not sustain his corner because the "short" interest broke him down, and the moment a man bought a "put," he became identified with the short interest—his interests were antagonistic to Chandler.

THE CLAIMS SAID TO BE FRAUDULENT.

The Assignee attacks these claims upon the ground that they are fraudulent as against the other conditions of the bankrupt. The main ground, and the only one which I shall consider, being that they are wager-contracts, and therefore void. Without taking time to discuss all the points raised by the able arguments which have been submitted, and the various reasons urged for and against these claims, it is enough to say that it seems to me that the contracts in question partake of all the characteristics of a wager. It is in substance an assertion by the seller of the "put" that oats cannot be purchased on that market before 3 o'clock p. m. of the 30th of June for less than 41 cents a bushel, and are undertaking to pay the difference between 41 cents and any "corner" market price. If he, Chandler, sustains the price at 41 cents or above, he wins the half-cent a bushel paid for the "put," because the holder will not deliver, while if the price goes below that named he is to pay the difference. This is practically the contract.

A MANIFEST BET.

It is as manifestly a bet upon the future price of the grain in question, as any which could be made upon the speed of a horse or the turn of a card. The evidence in this case shows that in nearly all the cases of settlements on "puts" or "option" contracts, the grain is never delivered nor expected to be delivered, but the parties simply pay the difference, as settled by the prices. But, if that were not so in all cases, it is clear that in this case no delivery of the grain was intended by these "put" holders, because they knew that Chandler controlled all the oats in the market and fixed the price, and that their only expectation for success depended on their being able to break the market before their time for delivery expired. Some of them say—Bensley, I think—that they intended to deliver the oats, but

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to suppose that they intended to deliver, unless they could do so for less than 41 cents. They intended to deliver if they could break Chandler, or prevent his "corner" from culminating, as the jockey may intend to walk his own horse over the course after he has poisoned or lamed that of his competitor. They did not intend to deliver, if Chandler succeeded. Thus a struggle inevitably ensued between Chandler and the holders of this immense amount of "puts" and "options," Chandler alone on one side attempting to hold up the price, and all the rest seeking to put it down. The fact that the sellers of "options" and holders of "puts" were able to get resolutions through the Board of Trade, making new warehouses where oats had never been stored before, *"regular"* for the performance of these contracts, shows the intensity of the contrast and the overwhelming influences with which Chandler had to contend. I do not mean to be understood as saying that the fact that Chandler sold "puts" to so many as to create an overwhelming opposition, makes the transaction any more or less a wager than if he had only sold one "put," but it shows

THE NOTORIETY OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS.

From the very nature of the transaction the interest of the holder of the "put" is to break down the price, and that of the seller to maintain it. The number engaged in this transaction, and the quantities involved, demonstrate that neither party expected any grain to be delivered. Chandler expected to hold up the price, in which event no grain would be offered him, and the other parties must have known they could not get the grain to deliver unless they first broke Chandler, and then, although they might tender, he could not receive, so that in payment no actual delivery was anticipated. They made their tenders only as a method of establishing differences after he had failed, and was powerless.

THE AUTHORITIES.

That transactions of this kind are only wagers is abundantly established by authorities. (Gugenwood vs. Kane, 1 Comn. Bench, 538; Bruce's Appeal, 55 Penn., St. 298; Kirkpatrick vs. Bonsall, manuscript opinion of Sup. Ct. Pa., ex parte Manham, 2 DeG., F. & J., 634; Capard vs. Hinman, 1 Bosworth, 217.) It is true those cases arose under statutes making such transactions void as gaming contracts. But the test applied was: Did the parties intend to sell on one side and buy on the other the stocks which purported to be the subject matter of the transaction, or did they only intend to adjust the differences? And as it was found that they only meant differences when they said shares, the contracts were held to be essentially gambling contracts, and therefore void.

CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY.

It is said, however, that there is no statute in this State expressly prohibiting contracts of this kind, as there is in England and Pennsylvania; and, as the highest Court of this State has decided that wagers are not necessarily void, therefore, these contracts—not being inhibited by any express law of this State—are not void. There is no dispute that contracts of wager are valid at common law, unless affected with some special case of invalidity. (Ball vs. Gilbert, 12 Met., 397.) But wagers which are contrary to public policy have always been held in the courts to be essentially void, without statutory prohibition, and cannot be made the ground of an action. (Hartley vs. Rice, 10 East., 22.) And a high authority in the profession has stated the law on the subject of the validity of wagers with great force and clearness, when he says:

As the moral sense of the present day regards all gaming or wagering contracts as inconsistent with the interests of the community, and at variance with the laws of morality, the exception necessarily tends to become the rule.

Indeed, any one rising from a full examination of the law applicable to wagers, as expounded by the courts, would undoubtedly testify that while he has found in the books, and especially among the older text-writers and cases, general expressions to the effect that wagers were valid at common law, he has found the cases, when they have been enforced, to be extremely rare, and the courts have been astute to find reasons for not enforcing them.

DECISIONS OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT.

Following this general current of authority, the Supreme Court of this State, under the statute prohibiting gaming, has decided that wagers upon horse-races are void, and cannot be enforced, and that money paid on such wagers can be recovered back. (23 Ill., 493; 51 Ill., 473.) The language of the Illinois statute on which these decisions are based is, in substance, that all promises made in pursuance of arrangements, etc., where the consideration or any part thereof shall be money won by gaming, etc., *shall be* void.

The language of 8 and 9 Vict., on which the Gagewood v. Blain and other English cases were decided, is: "All contracts or agreements whatever, by parol or in writing, by way of gaming or wagering, shall be null and void." The precise question made in this case has never been before the Supreme Court of this State to my knowledge, and I am not aware that it has ever been raised. At the Circuit bar in a late case before His Honor Judge Tree, of this city, he held that "option in contracts for grain, when the parties intended only to pay the differences and not to deliver the grain, were void, as wagering contracts." I quote him as reported in the daily papers of this city. But it hardly seems possible that any court can be called upon to construe the Illinois statute in the light of the decisions already made by our courts and of the English decisions upon a statute so substantially similar could hesitate to pronounce these contracts wagers, and void as contrary to the statute.

THE COMMON LAW.

But even if not within the letter or spirit of the statute of this State, the common law authorities are clear to show that such contracts are contrary to public policy are void without reference to any statute. And, as the contracts under consideration are essentially nothing but bets upon the price of oats in this market within the time limited, and as it is obvious that the effect of such transactions is to beget wild speculations, to derange prices, to make prices artificially high or low as the temporary strength, or skill of the manipulators shall dictate, thereby tending to destroy healthy business and unsettle legitimate commerce, there can be no doubt of the

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Anything which induces men to risk their money or property without any other hope of return than to get for nothing any given amount from another is *gambling*, and demoralizes the community, no matter by what name it may be called.

The financial disaster and ruin which followed "Black Friday" in New York, and the scarcely less damaging local consequences which followed the various "corners" which have either succeeded or been attempted in this city, furnish conclusive proof, if proof were needed, that such gambling operations should be held void, as contrary to public policy.

The total amount paid by the claimants in these cases was less than $19,000, and yet the amount they claim is within a fraction of $400,000,—a disparity between the consideration paid and the sum demanded which strikes the mind at once as so grossly inequitable that the judicial conscience is shocked, and revolts from being made the instrument for enforcing such outrageous injustice.

WHAT PUTS ARE VOID.

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HARMLESS CONTRACTS.

It is shown in the proof and urged in the argument that the "put" is in itself a very harmless contract, and that dealers frequently resort to them as a method of insuring prices. It is answer enough to this to say that the proof fails to show that such was the object of any of these claimants. Chandler was taking all the cash oats offered at the price named in the "puts" and upward, and none, with the exception of Bensley, claim that they had the oats to fill the "puts" at the time they bought, or bought for that purpose till after Chandler's failure. It is perhaps possible to imagine a dealer with a stock of grain on hand which he wishes to hold for an advance, who may take a privilege of this kind to insure himself against a decline while waiting for an advance. But the very act of offering to sell a "put" either implies that the seller has control of the market so that he expects to make his own price, or else it is a more reckless assertion of the seller's opinion that the price will be maintained,—either of which partakes of the character of a bet.

"A wager," says Bouvin, "is a contract by which two or more parties agree that a sum of money or other thing shall be paid or delivered to one of them on the happening or not happening of an uncertain event."

To say that these contracts were taken for the purposes of insurance is too far-fetched an excuse, and evidently an afterthought.

NO VINDICATION OF CHANDLER.

In what I have said I do not intend to vindicate Chandler. His conduct was as reprehensible as that of the claimants. All were engaged in an immoral and illegal transaction, and this Court ought not to allow its powers to be prostituted to the enforcement of these contracts for either party. Money lost at play or in gaming cannot be recovered except where an action is given by statute, but, as I have already intimated my opinion that these cases are within the statute of this State on the subject of gaming under which money paid may be recovered back, I shall allow the claimants to prove their claims for the amounts actually paid by them respectively, which is a half cent per bushel on the grain named on their tickets. In the case of William Young & Co., $1,175; A. L. Geddes, $1,000; Bensley & Co., $350; Marr & Co., $170

THE CITY HALL.

Efforts to Make the City Go Into the Leasing Business.

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DEPLETED STATE OF FINANCES,

although not to so great an extent. Therefore, the question presents itself thus: Must Chicago and Cook County, officially considered, content themselves with the present buildings until the new City Hall is constructed?

The Judges of the Circuit and Superior Courts, with their Clerks, are chief among the malcontents, and they are scarcely to be blamed. A common Justice of the Peace would hardly venture to hold court in the best of the court-rooms. They are, generally speaking, filthy, and poorly ventilated. It is actual suffocation for a Judge to hear, or a lawyer to "try" a case in any of these apartments during the summer months. As for the Clerk's offices, they are utterly unsuited for business, and the chamber devoted to the Law Department would disgrace a mushroom "city" out on the Plains. Still, what can a poor community do under the circumstances? As might be expected,

SEVERAL PLANS

to mitigate the evil complained of have been discussed. The massive and magnificent building of Mr. H. H. Honore, in Dearborn street, has been considered, and some Aldermen, of very extravagant notions, have spoken favorably of renting the whole as an almost incredible figure. No reasonable man could think of renting such a structure as the Honore Block, for, altogether apart from the fact that it was built for a hotel and is

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There are also upon the books memoranda of verbal pledges to a large amount, among which, as appears upon the list in the appendix annexed, is the amount of $8,000, which rests upon the honor and integrity of persons known to the Committee, and is regarded wholly reliable. Your Committee, however, do not include them as available.

III. As to the third class of available assets. It appears by the third list of the appendix that the University holds lands outside of the city received as donations to the amount of $6,400.

IV. To this should be added the value of the equitable interest in the lands deeded to Mr. Jacobs as trustee, or in the avails of the same. Another committee has that subject in charge, and in relation to that your Committee take no responsibility, and recommend no action. They simply refer to the matter as an available fund, pledged for the payment of the funded debt, and estimate the same at $2,000.

The three classes of assets which are available, and which may be made available, may be summed up as follows, viz.:

1. Notes and subscriptions	$30,545.67
2. Conditional subscriptions	19,775.00
3. Outside lands	6,400.00
Add the equitable interest in the land deeded to Mr. Jacobs as trustee, etc., or in its proceeds	2,000.00
	$108,720.67
Upon a review of the list we deem it proper to deduct from that known to be entirely safe	10,000.00
And leave the balance	$98,772.67

which is regarded by your Committee as a safe estimate of the available assets, applicable to the payment of liabilities.

It will be observed that your Committees have proceeded upon the basis of the Treasurer's report so far as to state the balance of the account at the end of the last fiscal year, September, 1873. It will therefore be necessary to strike the balance as of that date, between the available assets and the liabilities; and to add interest upon that balance until the time, or perhaps still better, until the end of the present fiscal year; that is, one year's interest.

Some time is necessary to raise the amount of such balance, and it would be prudent to add, also, for the amount of current expenses for all purposes, on and above current income, during the present year, by way of estimate, $3,000.

Your Committee would state, briefly, the account as follows:

Bonded debt	$100,000
All other indebtedness, including interest on bonded debt and to the Greek endowment fund to September, 1873	75,250
Add interest at 8 per cent on $100,000 for one year	8,000
On $75,250 for one year at 10 per cent	7,525
Add estimated deficiency of current year	3,000
Total debt September, 1874	$193,775
Total available assets as above stated	$ 98,772
Interest at 8 per cent should be allowed upon the $30,000 to be realized from the Burroughs and Goodrich Land Trust fund	
Add interest on $30,000 for one year	4,000
Total of assets, September, 1874	$102,720
Balance of debt, September, 1874	91,054
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To prevent all misunderstanding the Committee deem it proper to say that they have had no reference whatever, in making the estimate of available assets, to the magnificent property and grounds, library and apparatus of the University itself, worth over half a million of dollars.

In conclusion, your Committee, therefore, feel authorized to say that if $91,054 in money, or in good 10 per cent interest-bearing obligations, can be added to the present available resources of the University, all its bonded and floating debt, including its indebtedness to the Greek Fund, could be provided for, paid, and discharged. Any sum over and above one hundred thousand dollars would make it absolutely certain. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. DOOLITTLE,
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RAISING MONEY.

The Hon. J. R. Doolittle, E. B. McCagg, Esq., and the Hon. J. Y. Scammon, were made a Committee on Resolutions, and at the adjourned meeting presented the following, which were unanimously adopted:

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It being the wish of the undersigned to aid in placing the University of Chicago upon a footing of equality with the best universities of the United States, and his sincere hope that on or before the 4th day of July, 1876, it may be free from every liability, its chairs endowed, and sufficient means secured to lay the foundations of the north wing of the University building—an edifice to be worth from $150,000 to $200,000.

Dated April 7, 1874.

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Resolved, That all moneys received, together with all subscriptions, notes, obligations, bonds, mortgages, and other securities for the University, shall be paid, or safely forwarded, by the person receiving the same, to the Treasurer, who shall immediately upon the books of the University, open an account with each subscriber or contributor; and it shall be the duty of such Treasurer, after entering the same properly on his books, to pay over all moneys and deliver all securities contributed for the purpose of endowment to the Committee on Endowments, to be invested by them, the Treasurer taking proper vouchers for such payment and delivery to such Committee, and making, also, the proper entry upon his books of the same.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee have power, and it shall be their duty, to require bonds with good and sufficient sureties of the Treasurer, in the penal sum of $20,000, with power on their part from time to time to increase the same, conditioned for the faithful execution of the duties of his office as Treasurer; that the Treasurer shall keep all moneys coming into his hands in some bank or other secure place of deposit to be approved by the Executive Committee; that all disbursements made by the Treasurer in excess of the amount of $5 or upwards shall be by check, payable to the order of the person receiving the same; that such checks, with the stubs, be preserved as additional vouchers to the books and receipts; that such Treasurer shall report the amount of all such receipts and expenditures quarterly to the Executive Committee, and shall annually, and as much oftener as the Executive Committee shall request him to do so, submit for examination his books, vouchers, checks, and other papers.

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The Committee provided for in these resolutions, and instructed to prepare a by-law, fixing the duties to be connected with the office of Chancellor, and to report generally upon the course proper for this Board to adopt in regard to that office, was appointed as follows: J. Y. Scammon, J. A. Smith, J. B. Doolittle, E. B. McCagg, Robert Harris.

OF OTHER BUSINESS

transacted may be mentioned the election of Robert Harris, Esq., as a member of the Executive Committee, with the appointment of committees upon matters touching the University grounds, and upon certain special questions of finance. The meeting was the largest held by the Board in a long time, and was harmonious and unanimous throughout. A large amount of most important business was transacted, and the members separated with the feeling that a new career is opening to the University they represent.

SUICIDE.

A Well-Known Citizen Shoots Himself Through the Head.

The Cause Mental Depression Produced by Pecuniary Difficulties.

The Act a Premeditated One.

John H. Poinier, a resident of Chicago for twenty-five years, and a gentleman well-known in the business circles of this city, committed suicide yesterday in the Brevoort House. For some time past, Mr. Poinier has been very low spirited on account of pecuniary difficulties, and a short time ago tried to poison himself, but by taking an over-dose he defeated his own purpose. Wednesday evening a gentleman called at the Brevoort House and registered "J. H. Poinier, City." He was given a room and immediately retired. Yesterday, about 11 o'clock, one of the bell-boys went to Mr. Poinier's room and found him lying on the floor, bleeding from a pistol wound in the head.

Dr. E. J. Farwell was at once called, but could do no good, and soon after Mr. Poinier died.

THE INQUEST.

Coroner Stephens having been notified, at once impaneled a jury, with ex-Gov. Bross as foreman.

The first witness examined was Willie Clark, the bell-boy, who found Mr. Poinier dying. He testified as follows: Found the deceased lying on the floor; he was groaning and the blood was running from the wound very fast; he held a pistol in his left hand.

Harry Nye, being sworn, gave the following testimony: Am night-clerk at the Brevoort House; deceased came in Wednesday evening and registered; assigned a room to him; never saw him before; he was not in the least intoxicated; he roomed alone; no one heard the report of the pistol; was called when the deceased was found dying. The witness then identified a pistol shown him by the Coroner as the one deceased held in his left hand.

Dr. E. J. Farwell testified that he was called to attend deceased; found him lying on his face in a pool of blood, shot through the right temple; probed for the bullet and immediately found it; washed the deceased's face and head, and had him placed on a cot.

Lewis Poinier, being sworn, testified as follows: Am the wife of deceased; the body lying in the next room is that of my husband; am residing at No. 770 Michigan avenue; last saw deceased on Tuesday, when he came to talk over his business affairs; he spoke of going to Iowa, but did not appear decided about anything; he had been low spirited for a long time, and at times acted strangely; would talk in his sleep for hours until he would become very fatigued; he once before tried to take his life by poisoning himself, but took so much that it made him sick, and vomiting saved his life.

Mrs. Poinier was then shown a slip of paper on which was written, "Send my clothes to 770 Michigan avenue," and the letter to Gov. Bross given below, both of which she pronounced to be the writing of deceased.

HIS LAST MESSAGE.

Gov. Bross then read to the jury the following letter found on deceased and addressed to him:

CHICAGO, April 9, 1874.

This note will surprise you, all I have to say is simply that the mortal be passed to Dr. Andrews, Sixteenth street, head Prairie avenue, to be used in the cause of science. After having completed the autopsy I wish the whole mortal material destroyed. I do not know how I may be disposed of, before I have taken 6 grs. morphine. Do not have me hacked up by Miller. There will be no necessity for Coroner's jury. I wish Dr. Patterson to join you. God bless you. O could you see my writing. You would stamp on the back as you were wont to do 24 years ago and almost 25—say John, God bless you. My other affairs are all settled. I scarcely know how to close. All that I can say is, in the language of Hume, Now for the great secret.

JOHN H. POINIER.

To William Bross, Esq., Tribune office.

THE LETTER EXPLAINED.

The above letter was undoubtedly written on the 24 of April, though it is thought by some of Mr. Poinier's friends that in his unsettled state of mind he made a mistake in the date. Seven days ago a gentleman called on Gov. Bross and informed him that he had just left Mr. Poinier, who showed him a letter directed to the Governor and a quantity of morphine, a portion of which he said he had swallowed for the purpose of putting an end to his life. He said he would be dead in twenty-four hours, and appeared determined to kill himself at all hazards. While the gentleman was endeavoring to dissuade him from his rash purpose, a builder stepped up and offered Mr. Poinier a small job. He accepted it, and afterward remarked, "This will put it off twenty-four hours at any rate." Finding remonstrance useless, the gentleman then left him.

It has since been ascertained that Mr. Poinier did the work, and that he subsequently got another job, which he also worked on and completed. This employment restrained him from committing suicide between the day on which the letter was written and yesterday, but his keeping the letter in his possession shows clearly that he was determined on self-destruction all the time.

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Application for Judgment on a Bond.

Arguments of the Hon. Lyman Trumbull and Wirt Dexter.

Judgment Granted and Appeal Taken.

Sale of Mr. Scammon's Property to the Marine Bank.

JUDGMENT RECOVERED.

A suit in debt for $160,000 gold was commenced yesterday in the Circuit Court by the United States Mortgage Company against J. Young Scammon. The suit was on a bond and mortgage for $220,000, under which, it will be remembered, Mr. Scammon's property on the corner of Congress street and Michigan and Wabash avenues was sold about ten days ago, at the sale J. H. Rees was the nominal bidder, but it is understood that Mr. Babcock, President of the Mortgage Company, is the real owner.

WHAT THE MORTGAGE WAS FOR.

The case being before Judge Williams yesterday, it appeared that on May 30, 1872, Mr. Scammon borrowed of the United States Mortgage Company $220,000 gold, payable in installments, the first of which will be due May 30, 1874, and the last May 30, 1882, interest payable semi-annually on the 30th of November and May—with a provision authorizing the Mortgage Company to declare the whole principal due at once if default was made in the payment of any installment of principal or interest for thirty days after due. The loan was secured by a mortgage on real estate in the City of Chicago, and accompanied by a power of attorney authorizing the Mortgage Company to enter up judgment for the whole loan at once in case of default in paying any installment as provided by the terms of the loan. Mr. Scammon having failed to pay the interest due November 30, 1874, the Mortgage Company declared the principal sum due at once, and on March 31 advertised the mortgaged property for sale. At the sale the entire mortgaged property was bid off for $100,000, and this was a

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for the balance of the principal of the entire loan, about $150,000.

This motion was resisted by Messrs. Trumbull & Ayer, on the ground that the mortgaged property had been bid off by the President of the United States Mortgage Company, at a great sacrifice; that it would be inequitable to allow a judgment to be entered up for the balance of the principal not yet due; that, by the sale of the mortgaged premises, the United States Mortgage Company had made and received more than the full amount of the interest due; and that, no installment of interest or principal being now due by the terms of the loan, no judgment could be entered up on the warrant of attorney. In other words, that it was competent for Mr. Scammon, at any time before the entry of a judgment under the power of attorney, to have come forward and have paid all installments then due, and have thereby prevented the entry of judgment for the installments which, by the terms of the loan, were not to fall due till a future period; that by the sale of the mortgaged premises the United States Mortgage Company had paid itself all that was due, and that it must wait till there was a failure to meet some subsequent installment before it could declare the whole sum due and enter judgment for the amount under the power of attorney. It was insisted that the Mortgage Company, by collecting from Scammon all that was now due, could not deprive him of the right which he would otherwise have had to come forward, pay all that was now due, and thereby prevent a judgment for the installments hereafter to become due.

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also appealed to the equity of the Court, saying the present case was a very hard one, that property worth over $400,000 had been sold for $100,000, and that then these hard-hearted money-lenders came into court with these extraordinary papers, judgment-note, etc., demanding judgment for the balance; and that the times were hard,—unusually so,—money very scarce, and these facts appealed strongly to the equitable consideration of the Court.

MR. DEXTER, IN REPLY,

said that this was not an occasion of sentiment, but a court of justice, and that he need make no apology for asking in behalf of his client those remedies which the law gave, and which Mr. Scammon contracted for when he obtained plaintiff's money. As to Mr. Scammon being interfered in getting him to execute such papers, he would say that Mr. Scammon was not a person likely to be gulled by any one, but, however that might be, he would transfer that portion of Senator Trumbull's censure to his brother, McCagg, who was the life-long friend of Mr. Scammon, and who drew these papers. This was a loan made in New York before the present Mortgage Committee was appointed, and before (Mr. D.) was their attorney. The lenders employed Mr. McCagg to draw the papers, and, it is to be presumed, followed his advice in regard to their nature, and how they were. As to the oppression, it is easy to make sweeping charges.

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just taken before Your Honor," said Mr. Dexter, "shows that the default occurred last November, and that the Mortgage Company did not press Mr. Scammon, but waited all winter, and during the winter repeatedly offered to make him a new loan for the interest due, which Mr. S. declined. So that the Company in fact demanded neither principal nor interest, but only security for interest due, and this on property greatly depreciated and bringing no rents. Does any one expect to be treated more kindly by their creditors? And if a debtor could not comply with so reasonable a request, his case is hopeless. If he could, but would not, he deserves no forbearance. As to

THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY,

the Senator's statements were preposterous. The loan must have been made largely on the strength of Mr. Scammon's name. The buildings were empty and situated where they would be a long time without tenants. Taxes, insurance, and repairs running against property that no one would occupy presented a poor outlook. As to moneys being close, if Senator Trumbull knew half as much about money as his successors he would know that it was never more abundant. It can be had at 8 per cent on good paper in New York City, and is plenty on good mortgages in Chicago. If this property is really worth from $400,000 to $500,000 as the Senator says, how easy for Mr. Scammon to borrow enough upon it to pay the Mortgage Company. What property sells for is sure evidence of its value. This sale was widely advertised. Why did not some of these gentlemen who think so highly of it put in an appearance? There is

ANOTHER REASON

why this proceeding should be no longer delayed; Creditors deserve humane treatment. They say Mr. Scammon is unfortunate. If so, it becomes more than ever his duty to be straightforward. The sale was made last Tuesday, and the Company was on that day entitled to its judgment. The debtor asked delay that he might negotiate, which he has been granted; but, pending this delay, it is in proof that interest has stopped upon the record mortgages to the extent of nearly a quarter of a million dollars to other parties. Is it safe to treat with such parties? During the delay no new securities could be honorably made, but it has been done. As to

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if it can be called such—as applying to this case. When the landlord in the case cited disarmed for rent, he affirmed the lease and annulled the previous forfeiture. In this case there was no forfeiture; there was a debt of $22,000, which had become due by condition broken.

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said that he could see no objection to the judgment. The proceedings were regular; the judgment would be given in any other case; and he could not see why Mr. Scammon's case should be made an exception.

Judgment was accordingly rendered for $156,-267.35 in gold coin of the United States of America.

The defendant's attorneys took exception to the decision of the Court, and were allowed thirty days within which to file their bill of exceptions.

SALE OF MR. SCAMMON'S PROPERTY.

As it in anticipation of the judgment of the United States Mortgage Company, which would have been entered up yesterday, Mr. Scammon has disposed of his property and lands in and about the city to the Marine Company, the total consideration being $300,000. A quit-claim deed was filed in the Recorder's office yesterday, by which it appears that the property disposed of is as follows: Sub-lot 3, in Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8, and east 20 feet of Lot 6 in Block 21, in the original town, and the building known as the H. H. Honore Block, located at the northwest corner of Dearborn and Adams streets, together with the land upon which it is situated. The Alathean addition to Chicago, except such parts as have heretofore been sold. Sub-Lot 1, in Lots 1, 2, and 3, of Block 1, in Clark's Addition, being on the east side of State street at junction of Sixteenth street. Lot 13, in Forsyth's Addition, except such part as has been sold. Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21, in Levy Church's Subdivision of the S. E. ¼ of Block 97, in the Canal Trustees' Subdivision, located on South Park avenue and Thirty-first street. The undivided half of the west half of Sec. 23, 38, 14, at South Park, or so much thereof as belonged to Mr. Scammon. The E. ½ of N. W. ¼ of Sec. 23, 37, 14. The E. ½ of S. W. ¼ of Sec. 20, 38, 14, and Lot 1, in Block 17, in Lyman, Larned & Woodbridge's Subdivision of 10 acres in the E. ½ of N. E. ¼ Sec. 11, 38, 14, in the Township of Hyde Park.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE JOLIET IRON AND STEEL COMPANY.

Thomas Blakey, who represents himself to be a creditor of the Joliet Iron and Steel Company, filed a petition against it late Tuesday evening, as mentioned in yesterday's TRIBUNE, but the particulars could not then be ascertained. Blakey, in his petition, alleges that the Company has been doing business for six months and more as a manufacturer, with its principal office at Chicago; that his debt is based on two notes for $13,088.26 each, in gold; one for $8,135.06, and one for $13,317.77; the first, then due four months, after Sept. 10, 15, and 20, respectively, and the last due ninety days after Nov. 19. These notes were indorsed by Peter Wright & Sons, to whom they were originally issued, and transferred to Blakey, who is now the legal holder. Suspension of payment, and a preferential payment of $3,000 to Morgan & Co., of Pittsburgh, and preferential assignments to other Pittsburgh parties, are alleged as acts of bankruptcy. A rule to show cause on the 15th of April was made.

A meeting of a majority of the unsecured creditors of the Company was held yesterday afternoon in Kingsbury Block, for the purpose of considering a second proposition from the stockholders looking to the settlement of the claims held against them, the first proposition of the stockholders to settle their liabilities on the basis of part cash and part stock having been refused. The proposition presented yesterday afternoon was an offer of settlement on the basis of half stock and half bonds, but it was not entertained. A motion to push bankruptcy proceedings immediately met with favor, though it is probable that further time will be given the Company to satisfy its creditors without the assistance of the courts. The committee appointed to look after the creditors' interests was continued in power, and the meeting adjourned.

THE VICTIM OF APPEARANCES.

Yesterday morning, when the Clerk at the West Side Police Court called out the sonorous and gentlemanly name "Jones," a man came slowly out of the prisoner's compartment, walking with great apparent difficulty, holding on to chairs, railings, and policemen, and groaning whenever his left foot touched the ground. He had a look of injured innocence upon his face, and seemed unable to understand how it was that he, a Jones, should find himself in such a place.

The Clerk, reading from his record, informed Mr. J. that he was charged with being drunk and disorderly. "I am not guilty."

"I expected as much," replied Mr. Jone. "I am not guilty. The trouble, Judge, is with appearances. They are always against me. If I could only get them on my side, I should be all right."

The Justice replied that he had noticed that peculiarity in other cases. Appearances were generally against individuals who turned up in his Court. He was inclined to think that "appearances" were strongly in favor of the temperance movement, and always took sides against those who drank anything. If he remembered correctly, "appearances" had appeared and testified against Mr. Jones about a month before.

That was the case, Mr. Jones submitted, but it was due to a fatal combination of circumstances, which latter were alone against him.

Officer Cleary informed the Court that while walking his beat on Laflin street, between Monroe and Adams, the night before, he had come across the prisoner, who was sitting on the sidewalk, groaning, and occasionally remarking that he had a clear case that time. The officer said he asked him what was the matter, and the man said he had broken his leg. Thereupon Cleary offered to help him home, but Jones positively declined, stating that if he left that place before some respectable citizen came along he would not be able to prove where he got his injury, and the city would cover up the hole that had tripped him, and he could be deprived of all his witnesses in the suit he intended bringing against it for damages. The officer argued with him, but all in vain; and finally, getting disgusted, lugged him to the station, and there had him christened by the station-keeper, so that instead of "Jolly Franklin" Jones he became "Drunk and Disorderly" Jones.

The prisoner beamed upon the Justice, and said he knew the city's little game perfectly. It had been played upon him twice before. On 1873, on St. Patrick's day, while walking home at night—not drunk, but absorbed in thought—he had stepped in a hole in the sidewalk and injured himself. When he awoke from his swoon, he found himself in the police station. After his escape the following day, he tried to find the place where he hurt himself, but in vain. Somebody had removed the hole, and consequently he had no foundation for a suit. On the 4th of July the same thing had happened to him, and he had again searched for the scene of his misfortunes. He had found a place where the chasm which tripped him ought to have been, since he remembered a step near by down which he fell, while wrapped in memories excited by the day he had been celebrating. But evidently the city authorities, informed by the policeman, had reconstructed things. But on this last occasion he had determined to remain "where he originally fell" until morning broke, or he could get some good citizen to guard the place for him. It was low business for a municipality to deal thus with its component parts.

Justice Scully responded by delivering his celebrated temperance lecture, the peroration being "fined $5 and costs." Mr. Jones paid this sum, and hobbled off up Madison street in search of the defective sidewalk, sadly confident, however, that it would be out of his power to find what he was in search of.

A DIVORCE IN DRAMATIC CIRCLES.

Mrs. Octavia W. Allen filed a bill yesterday, against her faithless husband, David R. Allen. She states that she was married in April, 1856, at Mobile, Ala., and lived with her husband until about four years ago, when she was obliged to leave him. He has not only been guilty of repeated cruelty, often threatening to kill her, and also of habitual drunkenness, but she charges he has been unfaithful to his marriage vows otherwise, with Etta or Nettie Holes, and has held her out to the world as his wife. Moreover she has been obliged to support herself and her three children, and sometimes even her husband. In view of all these circumstances she not unreasonably asks that she may be divorced and allowed to pursue her own path through the remainder of her life alone.

This case is of more than ordinary interest, in view of the fact that two parties have been before the public for a long time and are well known. Mrs. Allen has been engaged for three years at McVicker's Theatre, where she has won reputation as an acceptable and painstaking actress. Mr. Allen is known for his enterprise in building the Globe Theatre without capital of his own, having borrowed a little, and run greatly in debt to mechanics, but especially to an enthusiastic young lawyer who was to have delivered the speech at the opening of the Temple of Art, but who was defrauded of that privilege by Mr. Allen, and thereupon sank into profound melancholy, from which he has not yet recovered. The career of the Globe was brief. It fell a victim to gas-bills. So long as this system prevails of having theatrical performances only at night, there must be gas-bills, and they did for Mr. Allen, who was not able to persuade the West Siders that it was a treat to listen to a play in the dark. Then Mr. Allen rushed from the Globe, went into retirement, and lived on the earnings of his wife, on the loans of his friends. He got hold of the Globe again, but again failed. A poor actor, indifferent husband, but gigantic borrower, Mrs. Allen and Chicago will gain by being divorced from him.

UTTERLY UNTRUE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Ever since I took the stand I did against the gross injustice evinced in the late trial of Florence McCarthy, I have been the object of the bitterest persecution from connected with those who assault me with the vilest epithets, and the grossest, most indecent language, none of which I had intended to notice; for I would sooner stoop to treat with a midnight assassin than with that species of villains who dare not show their hand when they assault your character.

But I meet the report at almost every turn, that it is no wonder Ravlin is opposed to Ecclesiastical Councils, since he was suspended for three years from the functions of the ministry, by the Council at Freeport. And I have just learned that the wife of a member of a prominent publishing firm in this city rests under the impression, and reports it as a fact, that I was deposed from the ministry by that Council. I am informed that the report was first started by certain members of the late Council. How true this is, I cannot vouch. Wherever it started, I want to say this: I challenge any man or woman, living or dead, to repeat over their own signature the assertion that I was ever deposed from the ministry, or suspended for a single day by any church or Ecclesiastical Council on earth.

I brand the whole thing as a malicious falsehood, and I can prove it so by more than a thousand witnesses who, from long acquaintance and personal knowledge, know the thing to be utterly false in every particular. And, Mr. Editor, I am strongly tempted not now to give such an expose of the Freeport Council as at least one man in this city will not relish.

If the late Union Park Council has no supporters except such creatures as have assailed me, then surely its members are hard pushed for defenders.

And I am impressed that ministerial fellowship is the least dulcet of anything on earth, if what I have seen and tasted of late is to be regarded a specimen. Respect fully,

N. F. RAVLIN.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

RAILROADS.

The Council Committee on Railroads met yesterday afternoon in the City Clerk's office; present, Ald. Lengacher, Stout, and Richardson.

A communication was presented from Ald. Cullerton, setting forth that many persons were being killed and maimed by the railroads running through the city, and that it was not the intention of the railroad companies to comply with the franchise granted by the city to the companies, requiring them to build viaducts over certain streets. The communication asked the Committee to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Corporation Council be, and is hereby, instructed to prepare and submit to this Council, without unnecessary delay, a general ordinance compelling all railroad companies running their cars within the limits of the City of Chicago to have all cars propelled by other power than that of steam.

The resolution was passed, Ald. Richardson voting no.

The resolution referred to the Committee censuring the Board of Public Works for neglect of duty in the matter of constructing viaducts over railroad tracks, and thereby allowing the interests of the people to suffer, was taken up. The resolution signed by Ald. White calls for an expression of censure upon the Board for not giving proper attention to the interests of the city in this particular.

Ald. Richardson moved, as a substitute, a resolution instructing the Board of Public Works to proceed immediately to designate the streets over which viaducts shall be constructed by the roads mentioned, in pursuance of the terms of the franchise.

The motion prevailed.

The ordinance authorizing Theodore Phinney to lay a 20-inch track on Lincoln street from the Chicago, Quincy & Burlington Railroad to certain lime kilns on the corner of Eighteenth and Lincoln streets was next considered. It was decided to recommend that Mr. Phinney have the privilege of maintaining the track for two years. Ald. Stout protested, and will bring in a minority report.

The petition of the Chicago & Wilmington Coal Company asking for permission to construct side-tracks with the railroad on Grove street was postponed until the Committee have time to examine the grounds.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee of the Common Council, consisting of Ald. McGrath, Spaulding, Lynch, Schaffner, and Heath, met yesterday afternoon in the Mayor's office, Ald. McGrath presiding.

Petitions to refund taxes already paid were acted upon.

The resolution offered by Ald. Jonas, asking that the sum of $1,000 be given to the widow of Patrick O'Meara, which had been referred to City-Attorney Jameson, was returned to the Committee, with his opinion. After examining the matter, he advised the Committee that the city had no authority to make such an appropriation. The petition was therefore recommended to be placed on file.

At the suggestion of Ald. Lynch, it was determined, as nothing could be done by the city, to solicit subscriptions from citizens, both for Mrs. O'Meara and Mrs. Jacobs, whose husband was also killed in the discharge of his duty. Mrs. O'Meara, who was present, was moved to tears on learning that the city had not the authority to give her the money, but left the room blessing the Aldermen for their kind intentions.

A resolution introduced into the Council Feb. 2, 1874, by Ald. Dixon empowering the City Comptroller to borrow $1,000,000 or more for the use of the city was placed on file.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

GENERAL NEWS.

The returns from the three remaining wards of the Town of West Chicago, the Ninth, Eleventh, and Fifteenth, were counted yesterday, and the result, as nearly as can be ascertained before the revision, which will be completed to-day, will make the majorities from the whole town as follows: Baker for Supervisor, 150; Rafferty for Assessor, from 700 to 1,200; O'Brien for Collector, from 380 to 400.

Mrs. Dora Korosoki, for many years President of the Sisters of Peace, a benevolent Hebrew ladies' society in this city, has lately been compelled to resign on account of ill health. Last evening she was waited upon by a number of ladies and gentlemen, who presented her with a beautiful gold watch and chain as a token of their regard and esteem.

THE CLEARING-HOUSE.

A meeting of the Chicago Clearing-House Association was held at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Sol Smith, Esq., in the chair. The following banks were represented in the meeting, the object of which was to discuss national finances: First National Bank, L. J. Gage; Third National, J. Irving Pearce; Merchants' National, J. C. Neely; Northwestern National, J. D. Sturges; Commercial National, C. Otis; Union National, George A. Ives; Merchants' Savings, Sol A. Smith; National Bank of Illinois, H. H. Nash; Prairie State, George Scoville; German National, Henry Greenebaum; International, B. Lowenthal.

There being no quorum, the Chair called upon the Secretary to read the sections in the by-laws regarding attendance, and directed him to enforce the fine of $5 against non-attending members.

Mr. Greenebaum moved to adjourn until 4½ o'clock to-morrow (this) afternoon, which was was agreed to, and the meeting adjourned.

THE WICKER PARK CHURCH.

The Rev. William E. Holyoke closed his pastorate of five and a half years with the Wicker Park Congregational Church, Chicago, on the 29th ult. During this time all the thirteen other Congregational Churches of the city but two have changed ministers, the exceptions being the First and Union Park Churches. One church has merged its existence in the Plymouth, and another, the Scandinavian, has been relinquished.

Mr. Holyoke's field was probably the hardest in the city, as it was not the mission of any other church, but an independent enterprise, and the story of the first few years of church-planting reads like romance. When raising funds for church-erection Mr. and Mrs. Holyoke had often to walk from one and a half to two miles before reaching car or 'bus; and, after climbing stairways to offices all day, resume, against a fierce northwester, through snow or mud, the weary foot-march home. No alluring salary repaid these toils. The reward was rather in the establishment of a true Christian Church to bless the future generations of this great metropolis. Wind and tide seemed against them, for the first building blew down in a wintry gale,—and the tide of immigration long set in another direction.

But at last a fair and sightly edifice arose. A flourishing Sabbath-school was gathered in the new quarters. One hundred English-speaking families became interested, of whom 60 per cent still remain in the vicinity. Social influences judiciously at work refined society and kept out dissipating entertainments. Slowly grew the membership, because a little Christian element entered the region; and the few workers had heavy burdens of preparatory work to bear before gathering in the golden sheaves. Yet one revival was enjoyed; and the long-looked-for harvest-time seemed near at hand, as the founders of the work resign the sickle that others may take it up.

The rapid and substantial building up of the region and its beauty surprise all visitors, and prove the need and wisdom of this church-planting. Property there that could have been bought in 1869 for less than $1,000 per acre is now worth $6,000. Nor is the incoming population all foreign. This church is needed, and the work so painfully yet successfully begun should be aided by the older churches. Mr. and Mrs. Holyoke have received flattering testimonials from their late charge, and repeated tokens of the respect of the community.

FULLERTON AVENUE SEWER.

The residents on the Lake View side of Fullerton avenue have decided to serve an injunction on the Board of Public Works, to prevent them from putting a sewer on that avenue unless the said residents are permitted to connect it with their drains. The Board of Public Works have provided, to a certain extent, at least, to meet this case. A catch-basin is to be placed at the corner of each street intersecting Fullerton avenue, and the people north of the avenue can have all the drains they please running into them. As for the houses which are on the north side of Fullerton avenue, it will be impossible for them to drain directly into the sewer, which is from 26 to 32 feet below the surface, and they will have to run their drains into those catch-basins as they best may.

END OF THE SHOEMAKERS' STRIKE.

The boot and shoe makers' strike, which has been in progress in Chicago during several weeks, has resulted, so far, in the thorough discomfiture of the strikers. The manufacturers, although somewhat embarrassed at the outset, soon got over the difficulty by resorting to the common-sense expedient of importing operatives from the East, a plan that has succeeded admirably. The Eastern workmen accept the pay originally offered by the Chicago firms, which is, on an average, about $1 to $1.50 in excess, per case, of prices paid in New England and New York. Many of the original Chicago strikers have returned to the shops, convinced that the worst use a workman can put himself to, is to strike. The average boot and shoe maker in our manufactories, makes about $18 per week, for which he has to labor assiduously, and on which he has to support, in most cases, a wife and family. But the manufacturers say that they cannot afford to pay a higher price.

Most of the factories are now running with nearly the same amount of hands employed by them previous to the strike. By two weeks everything will be back where it was before the usual experiment of the disgusted operatives was tried and found wanting.

TEMPERANCE.

The Women's Central Committee held a meeting yesterday morning in the First Methodist Church, Mrs. Jutkins presiding. She stated that work was progressing satisfactorily in the South and West Divisions, but more concentration of effort was needed. In this view Mrs. Jones coincided. She thought the women in Chicago were too much divided. They must unite in order to be effective. The Rev. Dr. Thomas announced that arrangements had been perfected whereby the ladies could use the church one night each week free of charge. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

To-day has been appointed as a day of fasting and prayer by the Woman's Temperance Organization of this city, for Divine wisdom and power in the great struggle. The schedule of subjects is as follows:

At 9 a. m., prayer for the Holy Spirit upon the day, and all who observe it at home or in praying-circles. At 10 a. m., "The Christian women of the city and State—that a sense of personal responsibility in, and consideration to, this work may be given, taking for their motto, 'Ready for work or sacrifice.'" At 11 a. m., "Christian men,—husbands, fathers, and sons,—that they may have the same baptism." At 12 m., "Press and pulpit." At 1 p. m., "Manufacturers, dealers, great and small; all who derive any gain from the accursed traffic; officers and men in authority, city and State." At 2 p. m., "The young." At 3 p. m., "Mothers; their influence upon the present and coming generations." At 4 p. m., "Drinkers, moderate and excessive; widows and orphans caused by the demon."

There will be an all-day service, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., at the Wabash Avenue M. E. Church. Ladies of all denominations are urged to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Union Catholic Library Sociable is this evening.

Mrs. M. E. De Geer will lecture this evening at the Fulton Street Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Fulton street and Artesian avenue.

Enterprise Lodge No. 5, Advocates of Justice, meets this evening at the hall corner of West Madison and Robey streets. Members of the Order and persons desiring to become members, are invited to attend.

The Boarding-house Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city aim to guide young men (not only strangers, but any who desire to change) in the selection of boarding-houses. To that end they wish to learn of as many Christian families as possible, who, at rates ranging from $5 and upward per week, are willing to take boarders. These families the Committee will visit and confer with, and the information thus secured will be entered on the Boarding-House Register, where it may be consulted at any hour at the rooms, No. 148 Madison street. The families will see that they can in this way do a real kindness to young men, and make an easy and effectual advertisement of their rooms. They may address W. W. Vanarsdale, 148 East Madison street.

"MASANIELLO."

While the attendance at McVicker's last week, when "Masaniello" was given by the Liederkranz, was very good, yet there were many who were unable to find time on week-days. To meet both sets of cases, the Liederkranz has made arrangements with Mr. McVicker to secure the use of his theatre for Sunday evening, April 19, and the following Monday. By doing this, Mr. McVicker has accommodated many who would have otherwise been unable to hear a fine opera admirably performed. The choruses, strong though they were, will be augmented, while Bischoff is now in splendid voice, and will take good care of himself. The prices of admission will be 50 cents for the gallery, $1.50 for reserved seats, and $1 for general admission. The five months spent in the preparation of this opera by the Liederkranz are a sufficient pledge for the excellence of the performances.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON LECTURES.

The Executive Committee of the Sunday Afternoon Lecture Society met yesterday. The following list of lectures was made up for the next seven weeks:

April 12—Prof. John W. Clarke on "Evolution of Light; or, Numbers of a Block of Coal;" illustrated.
April 19—Dr. A. E. Small on "The Revelations of the Animal Kingdom."
April 26—Prof. Jepper. The lecture will be brilliantly illustrated.
May 3—The Rev. Dr. Thomas on "The Agencies which Create and Control Society."
May 10—Dr. R. N. Foster.
May 17—Mr. A. B. Keith on "The Economy of the Golden Rule."
May 24—Prof. E. Colbert on "What We Know of the Moon;" illustrated.

The meetings are at Wall's Hall, corner of Adams and Halsted streets, at 3 p. m. every Sunday. The quartette of the Fourth Presbyterian Church (Prof. Swing's) will sing next Sunday. A course of lectures will soon be opened on the North Side,—probably by April 19.

CRIMINAL.

Thomas Cannon was before Justice Boyden yesterday morning to answer to the charge of larceny on the complaint of one Daniel Lynch. The case was continued till the 13th inst. under $200 bonds for the prisoner's appearance.

William Cuthbert, a wholesale liquor merchant on West Lake street, was before United States Commissioner Hoyne yesterday morning for selling twenty-five barrels of whisky without being properly stamped. He was held in $2,000 bail on his own recognizance.

Louis Roth and Christian Piepho were arrested night before last by Officers Homer and Cudmore for violation of the fire ordinance. Yesterday morning they were before Justice Scully, of the West Side Police Court, who continued their case.

John H. Smith was before Justice Haines yesterday morning, under the charge of selling chattel mortgaged property without the consent of the mortgagee. The complaint is that Smith sold a safe some few days ago to the firm of C. E. Thickstær & Co., liquor merchants, on South Clark street, for $115, having previously mortgaged the safe to one E. A. Rogers for about its full value. The Justice held him under bonds of $400 for his appearance before him this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The opening of the spring season has made a very perceptible decline in the business of the various police courts of the city. The many offenders whose names daily adorn the "black lists" of the South and West Side Courts are growing less day by day. Yesterday morning Justice Scully's docket only presented the names of nine offenders, and these were chronic drunks and disorderlies, except two cases for violation of the fire ordinance; $30 was assessed and $8 collected from the offenders.

PERSONAL.

On the 20th of last month a man by the name of B. Poledri, left his home, and has not been heard from since. He is about 5 feet 8 inches high; dark complexion; pock-marked; dark clothing; heavy woolen stockings. Any information will be thankfully received by Joseph Sceard, No. 207 Milwaukee avenue.

A telegram received yesterday, conveyed the sad news that thee Hon. W. D. Stewart, ex-Mayor of Syracuse, N. Y., died in that city at 3 a. m., yesterday. "Capt." Stewart, as he was more generally called, was so universally esteemed by his fellow-citizens, that his repeated election to the Mayoralty was by the votes of both Democrats and Republicans. For half a century he has been known to the people of Central New York for his remarkably well-balanced mind, sterling integrity, and public usefulness.

Dr. Oliver H. Bross, of this city, and Miss Jennie Curtiss, of Warrenville, Ill., were married in the latter place yesterday, by the Rev. R. W. Patterson. The wedding was attended by a large number of the relatives and friends of the parties, and was an elegant affair, Col. Warren, the father of the bride, doing the honors of the occasion. Several valuable presents were made to the young couple, the most substantial one of the lot being forty acres of fine land which was deeded to the Doctor by a relative of the bride's.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Grand Pacific—D. Spooner, Ottawa; C. Potter, Jr., New York; E. A. Schoyer, Yokohama; the Hon. J. B. Alley, Boston; W. S. Woods, Carlisle; J. W. Musson, Buffalo; D. R. Ford, Philadelphia. . . . *Sherman House*—G. Boynton, New York; D. D. Murrill, St. Paul; G. W. Skates, Sheridan; E. Lahr, Indianapolis; J. McCullough, San Francisco; A. Van Norman, Fairport. . . . *Tremont House*—J. Drew, Baltimore; R. S. Lowrey, Logansport; J. B. Parsons, Cleveland; W. Patton, Springfield; F. W. Stewart, Winona; G. V. Watson, New York; C. Thorne, New York. . . . *Palmer House*—G. M. Bacon, New York; E. C. Williams, Cleveland; J. C. Hicks, Rochester; J. O. Kerr, Portland; G. Kelly, Louisville; C. E. Rood, New York; E. Taylor, Logansport.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

The Village Board of Trustees met Monday evening at the house of John Schultz, Messrs. Heffron, Schultz, Martin, Lowenthal, Mason, and Greenacre being present.

A petition for a sidewalk, with all necessary bridges and crossings, on the west side of Vincennes road, from Tracy avenue to the dummy junction, was read and referred to the appropriate committee. A favorable report was returned, and the matter was laid over for a week.

A plat of the resubdivision of Blocks 1 and 2, of Hilliard & Dobbins' first addition to Washington Heights, was reconsidered and referred back to the Committee on Highways.

The continuation of a drain from Hilliard & Hitt's block west to the Great Eastern Railroad was reported impracticable by the committee appointed to consider the petition.

The construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Prospect avenue, from Pearl street south to Ninety-ninth, was ordered.

A petition for the vacation of Oak street was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

An election for six Village Trustees and Clerk of the Board was ordered for Tuesday, April 21. It will be held at the office of B. F. Clarke, on Vincennes road. The polls will be opened at 8 a. m. and closed at 7 p. m. Messrs. C. J. Porteman, W. W. Watson, and N. Morrison will be the judges, and Messrs. P. French and W. C. Wyman the clerks.

WOODSTOCK.

The ladies of the Congregational Church will hold a maple-sugar festival at Conservatory Hall on Thursday evening, April 16.

The Odd Fellows of this city have decided to give an anniversary party at National Hall, Wednesday evening, the 29th inst.

The Rev. E. M. Boring, who was compelled by ill-health to cease his ministerial labors, will begin again next Sabbath.

The Rev. E. R. Moore, of the Baptist Theological Seminary, has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church, in this place, for the

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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

McVICKER'S THEATRE—Madison street, between Dearborn and State. Engagement of Jane Coombs. "Love's Sacrifice."

HOOLEY'S THEATRE—Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. Engagement of Katherine Rogers. "An Unequal Match."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, between Madison and Monroe. Engagement of Ettie Henderson. "Little Sunshine."

MYERS' OPERA-HOUSE—Monroe street, between Dearborn and State. Arlington, Dolton, and Kemble's Minstrels. Minstrelsy and comicalities. New burlesque of "Blown Up Alive."

ADELPHI THEATRE—Corner of Wabash avenue and Congress street. Zegrino, Moulton, Signor Constantine, etc. Ballet Pantomime of "Co-co."

GLOBE VARIETIES—Desplaines street, between Madison and Washington. Delehanty & Hengler's Combination, Robert Nickle, etc. Variety entertainments.

SECOND NORWEGIAN CHURCH—No. 126 West Division street. Lecture by the Rev. Dr. M. O. Briggs. Subject: "Work and Win."

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 33, A. F. & A. M.—Hall 122 LaSalle-st. Special communication this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for work. By order of the Master.
E. N. TUCKER, Secretary.

GOOD TEMPLARS—All members of Star of Hope Lodge No. 18, I. O. G. T., are hereby notified to be present Friday evening, April 10, when appropriate exercises will be held in connection with the recent death of our late Bro. Francis Drake. By order of the W. C. T.
A. W. MARTIN, Sec.

The Chicago Tribune.

Friday Morning, April 10, 1874.

The House of Representatives yesterday refused to order the previous question on the Currency bill pending before it by a vote of 142 to 77. Gen. Butler has secured control of the bill, and will move to substitute for it the inflation measure which recently passed the Senate.

That much of the good which Senator Sumner did lives after him was made evident by the people of Hayti in the celebration of his funeral. The services were attended by the President, his Cabinet, and all the Diplomatic corps, and badges of mourning were worn from the 21st to the 26th of March.

Mr. Garfield, in the course of his speech on the currency question, suggested the homely English phrase, "cheap and nasty," as admirably describing the money which Congress has decided to issue. Only half of the adage is appropriate. Experience has certainly not demonstrated that paper-money is cheap.

A rumor that deserves some attention comes from New York, to the effect that President Grant has determined to remove Secretary Richardson, veto the inflation bill, and begin a new life. It is pretty certain that Mr. Richardson's official career is about closed. Banfield and Sanborn have borne so heavily on him as to destroy the few claims to favorable consideration that he once possessed.

Having eaten and drunk at the expense of the Pacific Mail Company, and accepted its hospitalities at Chester, the House of Representatives will probably refuse to continue the subsidy of $500,000 which has lapsed by reason of the Company's failure to meet the conditions on which it was given. A sub-committee of the Postal Committee has unanimously agreed to recommend that the subsidy be covered into the Treasury.

Special Agent Jayne has resigned, and his family has been removed from New York State to a point which is to serve as a harbor of refuge for him in case he should become unpleasantly involved by proceedings in the courts. It is believed that Mr. Jayne carries with him out of office the confidence and esteem of his superior officers, just as Tom Murphy did at the time of his resignation.

Sanborn testified before the Ways and Means Committee yesterday that his collections amounted to $427,036, of which one-half went to the Government. His total expenses were $156,483. The largest item in this last total is $43,875, paid to W. J. Morrison, who has been looking after the income taxes of Americans residing in Europe. Sanborn informed the Committee that he hoped to turn in $500,000 from this quarter; but it is not likely that he will be allowed the privilege of doing so. The Committee has reported to the House a bill abolishing all moieties.

A decision has been rendered by Judge Blodgett construing the act of Congress passed on the 13th of February, 1873, which defines the relation existing between State and United States Courts in bankruptcy proceeding. It is the opinion of the Judge that the law does not forbid Bankruptcy Courts to take jurisdiction when proceedings have been commenced in the State Courts, but simply provides that orders made by the latter for the distribution of assets, when the same are in its possession, shall not be interfered with.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, has introduced in the Senate a bill in relation to the construction of railroads in the Territories. Mr. Stewart's operations in connection with the Emma Mine bubble and his zealous efforts in behalf of the District Ring have not secured for him an enviable reputation; and a result of his record is to cast suspicion upon any measure which he is known to favor. His bill was before the Senate yesterday, and was subjected to merciless scrutiny. An amendment was offered just before adjournment, and is still pending, providing that the law shall not be so construed as to open Indian reservations to railway companies. This, doubtless, is the sensitive spot in the bill.

The Chicago produce markets were generally easier yesterday, with less business doing. Mess pork was moderately active, and declined 45c per bbl, closing at $15.80@15.85 cash, and $15.95 seller May. Lard was quiet and a shade easier, closing at $9.55@9.60 per 100 lbs cash or seller May. Meats were inactive and nominally unchanged at 5¾c for shoulders, $8.20 for short ribs, 8¾c for short clear, and 9¾@10¾c for sweet-pickled hams. Highwines were quiet and steady at 93c per gallon. Flour was in fair demand and unchanged. Wheat was less active and ¼c lower, closing at $1.21¾ cash, and $1.23¾ seller May. Corn was quiet and ¼@¾c higher, closing at 61¾c cash, and 65¾c seller May. Oats were dull and unchanged, at 42¾c cash, and 46¾c seller May. Rye was quiet and steady at 83c for fresh. Barley was dull and firm, at $1.60 for No. 2. Live hogs were dull and a shade lower, with sales at $5.00@5.75 for common to choice. Cattle were quiet and easy. Sheep ruled steady.

It is believed both in Washington and Boston that Mr. Dawes will succeed Judge Richardson as Secretary of the Treasury. Private advices to this effect were received by members of the Massachusetts Legislature yesterday, and, in view of the extreme probability of the report, further balloting for United States Senator was postponed. One ballot of no particular significance had previously been taken. Mr. Learned, who is managing Mr. Dawes' fortunes in Massachusetts, asserts that his principal is still "in the hands of his friends,"—an ambiguous form of expression which may be interpreted as meaning that he is still a candidate for Senator.

Civil-Service Reform no longer means a different method of choosing the civil officers of the Government, but the adoption of safeguards against fraud by those already in office. The bill reported by the Civil-Service Reform Committee, abolishing fines and forbidding the use of public money for private purposes, is the net result of the Reform movement. It was under discussion in the House yesterday, and Mr. Butler objected to it on the ground that its intention was to restrict the privileges of certain high Government officials. His argument was: George Washington used Government horses after he became President of the United States; therefore Atty.-Gen. Williams is justified in paying for landaulettes out of the contingent fund of his department. So it appears that the Administration, if Gen. Butler may be regarded as its exponent, is opposed to Civil-Service Reform in the mildest type which it is capable of assuming.

In the District of Columbia Investigation yesterday, Mr. McClelland, junior member of the famous paving-firm, told what he knew of the circumstances attending the procuring of the "ironized" contract from the Board of Public Works. The essential part of his evidence was that George R. Chittenden, a well-known citizen of Chicago, received $97,000 for his influence in the matter. Mr. Chittenden was asked by a TRIBUNE reporter if he had any explanation to offer in regard to Mr. McClelland's statement. He refused to say anything about the alleged payment of money, but admitted that he had been promised one-third of all the profits arising from contracts obtained by him for laying the "ironized" pavement in Eastern cities. A son of the senior member of the firm was also interviewed by the reporter. He denied any knowledge of the alleged payment to Mr. Chittenden, but added, naively enough, that "contracts in Washington were let wholly by favor, and, of course, influence of some kind had to be used in procuring them."

Judge Blodgett, of the United States District Court, has given an opinion concerning the legality of "put" contracts, such as are made every day on the Chicago Board of Trade. The suit under consideration was instituted by certain creditors of Chandler, Pomeroy & Co. and Peyton R. Chandler, whose failure was brought about by the breaking of the corner in oats in June, 1872. The "puts" in question were bought from the bankrupts for about $18,500. They secured to the plaintiffs in this suit the privilege of delivering, in all, about 3,700,000 bushels of oats. The amount claimed as damages by the failure of the defendants to accept the "puts" is estimated at $400,000. Judge Blodgett holds that the object of Chandler, Pomeroy & Co. in selling the "puts" was notorious, and that the contracts were essentially wager-contracts. These facts being taken for granted, the law in the case unmistakably avoids the contracts as being contrary to public policy. The Judge wished to be understood as holding that "puts" made simply for the purpose of insuring prices are perfectly legitimate. The claimants were awarded ¼ cent per bushel for the amount of the "puts," which the Court estimated to be the money actually paid over to the bankrupts.

SUMNER'S VINDICATION.

Mr. Sumner's suppressed speech vindicating himself from the aspersions, libels, and menaces of the Administration cannot be read without awarding to him the highest commendation for forbearance. His offense consisted in opposing the ratification of the President's bargain with Baez for the purchase of San Domingo. We learn from this speech that Gen. Grant said that if he were not President he would "call him to account," and that Gen. Babcock declared that if he was not an officer of the army he would horsewhip him. For the same offense, Mr. Fish forgot the friendship of twenty years, and the personal and official help received from Mr. Sumner in the affairs of his own Department, and first threatened, then offered to bribe, and then denounced the man who was both fearless and incorruptible. For this, Senator Howe proclaimed to every ward caucus in the country that Mr. Sumner was an unsafe Republican, and Senator Sherman repeated the calumny. For this, the American Senate solemnly deposed Charles Sumner from the Chairmanship of a committee, and sought to make the deposition degrading by putting Simon Cameron in his place. These proceedings were followed by the dismissal of Mr. Motley as Minister at London, and an official publication of the reasons therefor which Mr. Sumner clearly shows to be wanting in truth.

Mr. Sumner's vindication is now made public, and it is complete. If it related to men who held office because of their ability and standing, their personal and intellectual worth, it would be crushing; applied to those to whom it does refer, ninety-nine men in every hundred will say that it is neither startling nor strange; it is only what might have been expected. Nevertheless, impartial history can best tell the story of the national degradation by narrating the progressive steps by which the popular mind was familiarized with public dishonor, malice, and falsehood, and was taught to regard Congressional, and especially Senatorial, submission to Executive commands as a matter of course. In such a recital there is no more striking incident than this war upon a Senator who dared to do his duty to the country, and who defied the menaces and rejected the bribes offered to induce him to abandon his post. In this defense he relates the President's own expression of a desire to have personal revenge; he also relates the threat of the President's confidential emissary to San Domingo and Private Secretary, that his military rank alone prevented his taking vengeance on the person of the Senator, and then calls attention to the fact that the President continued to make use of this blustering person as his official messenger to the Senate. The pretext given for the removal of Mr. Sumner from the Committee on Foreign Relations was, that he had made himself so offensive to the President and to Secretary Fish that they could not hold personal intercourse with him. Yet Mr. Sumner shows that long after the matter of San Domingo, long after the threats of the President and Gen. Babcock, Mr. Fish had visited at his house, and had long conferences about diplomatic affairs. In one of these interviews, Mr. Fish related what were the President's complaints. This interview was in June, 1870, just before the final rejection of the San Domingo treaty. At this time he appealed to the Senator to cease opposing the President, and, when asked in what particular he had opposed the President, Mr. Fish stated (1) in the matter of the Tenure-of-Office act; (2) in the case of Russell Jones, Minister to Brussels; and, last, in the matter of San Domingo. Finding the Senator inflexible as to the last, the Secretary deliberately offered to bribe him to leave the Senate, by proposing to send him Minister to London. Was this offer authorized by the President? Here in June, the Secretary of State formally offered to send the Senator as Minister to England, and, in December following, the "Senate Caucus," on the pretext that the President and Secretary could hold no personal or official intercourse with him, deposed him from the Committee which he had so long honored as Chairman. This shallow pretext, disgraceful to the Senate under any circumstances, is now exposed and proved to be a falsehood; yet Senator Howe and Senator Sherman assumed the duty of disseminating it as true throughout the country. Some time later, when Mr. Motley suggested that he was removed from London because of his intimacy with Mr. Sumner, Mr. Fish, in an official paper, pronounced by Mr. Sumner as unparalleled in State papers, declared that that removal was occasioned by the death of Lord Clarendon, when, in fact, as Mr. Sumner shows, the unexpected death of the English Minister did not take place until after the removal of Mr. Motley was known in England. Altogether, the suppressed speech places Mr. Fish in a most unenviable position, but one into which his subserviency to the President betrayed him. The actors, Executive and Senatorial, in the removal of Charles Sumner from the head of the Senate Committee, stand rebuked and dishonored by this clear and fortified defense left for his own vindication by the Massachusetts Senator.

SOME NEEDED LAWS.

A Congress that passes laws which calmly override those of Nature ought to bless the country with as much legislation as possible. God has so arranged matters that money cannot be made by making promises to pay money; but Butler proposes to improve on God, and so leads his cohorts to pass a law for making money in this identical way. Such powers must not lie fallow. Let us have more laws.

A large number of persons who deal in dry goods find themselves seriously embarrassed by the small amount of money they get for their wares. Suppose we have a neat little enactment to the effect that hereafter a yard shall be thirty inches, and that everybody shall pay as much for the new yard as they do now for the old one. Then the merchants would get more money, and commerce would revive.

A bill to make a dollar worth a dollar would be a good thing. Congress can make money cheap. It has just proclaimed its ability to do so. Coined gold is money. Therefore, Congress can make gold cheap. There is logic for Logan. Let the law be: "A greenback dollar shall be worth $1 in gold." While these fixers of values are about it, however, they might as well put the greenback at a premium by making it worth $1.50 in gold.

It is well known that a former Congress passed a law by which the English pound sterling was made equal to $4.44 in our coin, and that nevertheless the pound sterling has sinfully refused to equal less than $4.84 of such coin. It is evident that this old Congress did not possess a tithe of the powers of the present one. Its laws yielded to those of Nature. It is therefore incumbent on the present Congress to re-enact this old provision, and, by depressing the value of the pound, show the effete despotisms of Europe what the American eagle can do in the way of finance when his blood is up.

It is not to be borne that history should contradict Congress. When the latter benevolently makes money out of green paper and black ink, is the former to be suffered to show that such expedients have always resulted in panic and ruin? We should have a law at once, setting forth that the Continental currency did not depreciate, and that the French *assignats* were not repudiated, and that the Austrian bank-notes are at present at par, and that hereafter no depreciation of paper currency shall ever happen, unless the Congress of the United States shall have passed a bill to give Nature free course "for this time only."

After these and similar enactments have become part of the law of the land, the only legislation needed to usher in the Millennium will consist in the passage by Congress Almighty of a few simple bills, declaring that every man shall be as good as everybody else and a great deal better, that everybody shall be as rich as anybody else and a great deal richer, etc., etc.

FORGETFULNESS OR LYING.

When the Ways and Means Committee was examining Sanborn, last Monday, he said, when asked if he had feed Butler: "I never paid him a cent." The two following questions were then put and answered:

Foster—Have you paid money to any one which you had any reason to believe was going directly or indirectly to any member of Congress?

Sanborn—No, sir.

Foster—You paid no member of Congress any counsel-fees?

Sanborn—No, sir.

Butler had indignantly denied, in the House, Foster's statement that Sanborn was represented on the floor by his attorney. On Tuesday, Sanborn confessed, under cross-examination, that he had paid Butler "in the neighborhood of $2,000 or $3,000 for legal services in the matter of these contracts." In this one sentence Sanborn manages to contradict Butler and himself flatly. He lied or else he forgot. Butler lied or else he forgot. It is Butler's frequent boast that he never forgets anything. B. P. B., by the way, has been pleading that no testimony should be taken about his connection with any rascality unless he is present. Such a rule would require him to attend every Investigation Committee every day. About all the men investigated are his friends. A shadowy Congressman hovers behind each one of them. Under the pressure of inquiry, the shadow generally solidifies into Butler.

Secretary Richardson's testimony of March 31 contains a multitude of professions of complete ignorance. We give two of them, with extracts from Sanborn's testimony of April 7:

RICHARDSON.

Mr. Foster—Then you really do not know much about it [the Sanborn contract]?

Mr. Richardson—I do not know the least thing about it, any more than about ten thousand other things that are done in the different divisions of the Department.

SANBORN.

Foster—How did you obtain additions to your contract?

Sanborn—When I got the necessary information to enable me to make a contract, I went to him (Boutwell), but he had gone to Boston. I then saw Richardson, who was Acting Secretary, and asked him if he had any objection to making this arrangement, or whether I should wait for Mr. Boutwell's return. He said that he would sign it.

Foster—Did you have a full conversation with Richardson about it?

Sanborn—Not particularly; he seemed to know about it. I thought so. I did not know how he knew it. I had said nothing before to him about it, but he seemed to understand that I was to have the contract.

Foster—And to understand the terms?

Sanborn—Yes; but they were to be the same as agreed to in the contracts with other persons.

Foster—Did he know, when he was signing the contract, what he was signing?

Sanborn—I have no doubt about it.

Foster—Did it not come to him as a mere routine business, and did he not sign it without knowing it?

Sanborn—I should say not; I do not know what they call routine business.

Foster—You think he had full knowledge of it, and knew what he was signing?

Sanborn—I have no doubt about it.

RICHARDSON.

The propriety of making a contract with him [Sanborn] or what that contract ought to be, or what he proposed to do under it, was never a subject of conversation between us.

SANBORN.

Foster—The additions to the contract were made after Boutwell went out of office?

Sanborn—Yes.

Foster—Tell us about them. What particular knowledge did Richardson have of them?

Sanborn—I should say that he knew all about them; as much as I did, and more, too. I did not pretend to know anything about it, but I went to him for information. *We talked about it half-a-dozen times, more or less.* He referred me to the Solicitor, and the Solicitor referred me to somebody else. There were all sorts of red-tape about it.

Foster—So that the additions to the contract were made with the full knowledge of Richardson, and he signed them knowing what he did sign?

Sanborn—There cannot be any doubt about it. I never thought otherwise.

One of these two men either lied or forgot. Richardson threw all the responsibility for the contracts on Solicitor Banfield. So did Assistant-Secretary Sawyer, whose ignorance of the whole matter was so sublime that it took the additional step and became ridiculous. Banfield was examined Wednesday. He testified that the contract-system was decided upon at a consultation between Boutwell, Richardson, and himself; that Sawyer, then a Senator, was very active in getting a broad construction of the law under which the contracts were made, and that he "had written and signed no paper and done no act connected with the Sanborn contract, from beginning to end, except by the direction of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary," save when he gave secret-service credentials to Green and Presbery, Sanborn's agents. Here, then, is another flat contradiction. Richardson and Banfield cannot both be right. Sawyer and Banfield cannot both be right. One of each brace either lied or forgot. If we take the charitable construction in every case and conclude that all these persons are suffering from a sudden loss of memory, it is evident that it is highly desirable to attach a professor of memories to the Treasury Department.

THE NOBLER BRUTE OF THE TWO.

Plato's definition that man is a two-legged animal without feathers, was a libel upon chickens. The disgraceful events which took place in Indiana on Wednesday last afford ample proof that there is more bravery in poultry than in pugilists, and that any one of the chickens that fought in the Hobart tavern had nobler qualities than either or both the brutes who fought in the Liverpool woods, hard by the scene of the cocking-main. These two great hulking brutes, for the paltry sum of $80, stood up and pounded each other for several hours, egged on to their work by the jeers and taunts of the crowd, and worked up to the requisite degree of courage by copious libations of whisky. Their fight was conducted according to a code of rules which unfortunately rendered it impossible that either could be seriously injured, and which provided ample opportunities to escape punishment when it was getting too severe. No conditions of courage, manliness, or chivalry entered into the contest between these two brutes. It was simply a question which of them could endure hammering the longest for $80. They were, in fact, rather solicitous for each other's welfare, for, if either of them should happen to get permanently disabled, they might not have an opportunity to earn another $80. So they pounded each other rather gently, and, with the exception that they tried to gouge each other's eyes out once,—permission for which singular exploit was not granted by the referee,—they mauled each other until one of them got tired. Gouging of eyes, strangling, blows with weapons, and other forms of dangerous violence are reserved for inoffensive people who get in the way of these bruisers on the streets, or who meet them on a dark night and are relieved of their money. These brutes, however, are more tender of each other, and maul each other for pay, according to a code of rules which prevents any serious injury to either.

A few hours after this disgusting exhibition, the chicken contests commenced in the upper room of the Hobart tavern, and, in spite of the cruelty of the exhibition, it is impossible not to admire the bravery and determination of these gallant birds. There were no rules in this pit, no dodging blows, no falling down to avoid punishment. They fought to kill each other. With broken legs and wings they struggled to the death. There were no cowards among them. The vanquished were vanquished only when they were dead, and, even in dying, they spasmodically strove to gaff the victors. In every case it was a battle *a l' outrance*, and not one of the eighteen birds refused to fight so long as there was breath in his body. In true courage, chivalry, pride, will, nerve, and purpose, any one of these roosters was worth a regiment of featherless brutes like those who fought a few hours before them in the Liverpool woods. These dead feathered heroes deserve handsome eulogies for dying game,—a distinction which the human brutes are in no danger of securing. When the code of the prize-ring makes it imperative that these bruisers shall continue fighting until one or the other is dead, then, and not till then, will they be worthy to be classed with chickens in bravery and deserve something handsome in the way of an obituary. When the code is thus amended, however, it will probably involve the end of prize-fighting, as none of these bruisers have courage enough to fight like a rooster. It is none the less pitiable, however, that the two worthless bruisers should have escaped without any serious injury and so many valuable chickens and plucky little heroes should have died. We could have spared the bruisers more easily than the roosters.

Meanwhile, dropping the bruisers, it is gratifying to the fraternity to know that the majority of the conquerors who wore and used their spurs so gallantly were from Chicago, and that most of the dead heroes belonged to Louisville. Chicago is ahead again, as usual. It adds to the exultant character of our victory not only that Chicago has lessened the number of roosters in Louisville, but that she has materially lightened several Louisville pocket-books, which is some compensation for the ravages of the Kentucky lottery in this city. Barbarous as this sport may be as between making money by gambling and making money by chicken-fighting, the latter is the more respectable and honest of the two. This distinction, however, does not cast any reflection upon the gallantry of the Louisville roosters. They will be mourned in many a Kentucky hencoop, and many a gallinaceous seraglio in Louisville will go into mourning for its lord, who has crowed his last crow, but went down with his colors flying, like a gallant Kentucky gentleman.

AN UNLUCKY BATCH OF BISHOPS.

A Bishopric is no longer a bed of roses. The thorns are beginning to be felt. Italy is gagging and fining contumacious Bishops. Austria, informed by the Bishops sitting in her Parliament that they will withdraw if the proposed ecclesiastical laws are passed, retorts with the diplomatic equivalent of "good riddance to bad rubbish." One of the articles of faith of the English Radicals is the expulsion of the Lords spiritual from Parliament. The sufferings of the German Bishops are many. They are imprisoned and fined and their goods and chattels are confiscated. The Bishops of Breslau and Paderborn and Muenster have been relieved of their temporal goods for spiritual contumacy. The salary of the Archbishop of Cologne has been attached to pay the fine levied upon him. The Bishop of Culm has been heavily fined. Archbishop Ledochowski, of Posen, is in jail, and is ruthlessly obliged to say his prayers without a priest to help him. The Bishop of Treves has been sentenced to two years' and three months' imprisonment. The Government has refused to allow the clerical nominee to the Bishopric of Fulda to occupy the place, and the episcopal throne is therefore vacant. The Prussian Parliament is now considering a law to deprive recalcitrant Bishops of the rights of citizenship and to banish them from the country. The Old-Catholic Bishop, Reinkens, is struggling in vain to build up a decent-sized Church. The French Bishops have been warned to keep still by MacMahon on account of their ravings against Germany. They live in continual danger besides, for the blood of a Bishop generally signalizes the establishment of a Commune. The last dispatch about Spanish Bishops chronicled the murder of one of them.

We do not go to such extremes on this side of the water. Yet the Supreme Court of Brazil has just sentenced the Bishop of Pernambuco to four years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary, with hard labor. All our American Bishops are bothered over momentous questions of wax-candles and genuflexions and other means of salvation. Bishop Whitehouse's Diocese has been rent in twain. Bishop Cummins has all the usual troubles of a bolter. Bishop Cheney presides over a church which has three sets of Vestrymen, when one set is usually enough to worry a clergyman beyond endurance. There are so many thorns in the Wisconsin Episcopal throne that nobody can be got to sit in it. If this sort of thing goes on much longer, we shall have some member of the Episcopal galaxy imitating McCarthy by lecturing on "Who Wouldn't Be a Bishop?" The imitation will doubtless go no farther.

Mexico has violated Biblical archæology in a most relentless way by producing an idol pronounced to be 20,000 years old. It is described by the New York *Times* as representing a feathered serpent in a solid coil, from whose mouth the head of a woman emerges, her arms and legs appearing from between the coils, and is supposed to represent the origin of woman. The combination of original woman with the serpent reminds one very forcibly of the third chapter of Genesis, but the suggestion of woman's origin is of exceedingly questionable gallantry. Indeed, it is so evidently sardonic in its meaning that none but scoffers will hesitate to pronounce it spurious without further investigation. There are some other specimens of early Mexican art, whose date is fixed by antiquarians about the same time, which, if genuine, must be of universal interest. Among them is a mask of a light apple-green stone, known as nephrite, whose existence in Mexico under natural conditions is denied. It is claimed that the material must have been imported from Asia, which raises interesting questions as to the tariff on jewelry and sculptors' material 20,000 years ago, or 14,000 years previous to the Biblical creation of the world. There are small gold crowns which could only have been worn upon very small heads, and a large number of crosses, for which, under a heathen dispensation, it is exceedingly difficult to account; a set of mirrors, which are always to be expected; a sceptre of polished stone, and water-pitchers of curious make. But above all, is the head of a tremendous Indian warrior, reduced to the size of an orange, with long black hair, eye-brows, and other features complete. Considering the veteran's immense age, the reader will not be surprised to learn that there are several gray hairs observable on the head of the mummy. It is said that there are only three such mummies now in existence, and that the one under consideration is the most perfect of all. This curious collection is owned by Mr. Jose Ortiz de Topia, a Spanish antiquary, and is the reward of a search for antiquities in Peru, Mexico, Ecuador, Central America, and other Spanish-American countries.

The present appears to be the era of petty church-squabbles, and is marked by a bitterness which cannot escape the attention of the least observant spectator. The most deplorable difficulty appears to be that of Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, of which Mr. Kalbfleisch, a wealthy druggist, was a member. This church was rendered pastorless by the retirement of Dr. Pentecost, and Dr. Fulton was called. He made the condition that the church should be enlarged, and this was agreed to. Mr. Kalbfleisch found subsequently that he did not like Dr. Fulton. He complained that he couldn't say ten words to Dr. Fulton without hearing a proposition from that gentleman to "spend a short time in prayer." This, it appears, did not suit Mr. Kalbfleisch. Like a peaceable man, Mr. Kalbfleisch applied to the church for letters of dismissal for himself and wife. This raised a storm. Dr. Fulton said it was a dodge to evade the payment of $500 promised by the applicant to the church-enlargement fund. Mr. Kalbfleisch denies having promised any such amount. On the contrary, he declares that he positively refused to promise anything to Dr. Fulton, in spite of that gentleman's frequent suggestions "to spend a short time in prayer" upon the subjects of church-enlargement and donations. He complains that the church will not let him go because he is wealthy and influential. If this is the case, it is a singular inversion of a familiar utterance from Divine lips, which, to suit Hanson Place, should read: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go out of the Kingdom of Heaven as represented by Fulton."

There are quite a number of interesting young gentlemen figuring in various investigations and sundry corrupt operations, about whom the public is growing curious. The more the Committees stir up the corruptions, the faster these interesting young gentlemen come to the surface. One by one, however, these hitherto unknown are getting identified. The Oswego (N. Y.) *Gazette*, for instance, answers the question—who is Jayne?—with a brief biography. It appears from this record that he was some time clerk in the Paymaster's Department at Washington, and in 1867 was dismissed for defaming the characters of Paymaster-General Brice and Maj. Brooke. Then he went into the photograph and sewing-machine business and failed. He then drifted into politics, in which he manifested a great deal of honest talent in turning pennies. When the Republican Congressional Convention was held at Oswego, some ten years ago, he drew one of the candidates, Lincoln, into an agreement to pay him $1,000 for controlling certain votes, in case of his nomination. The Convention was at a dead-lock, however, for several days, which was finally broken by Jayne, who exposed his own arrangement with Lincoln, and then transferred his support to the other candidate, Hotchkiss, who was nominated. After his election, Jayne got his reward for his treachery in the appointment which enabled him to play the part of spy and blackmailer so profitably. From this point on the public is quite familiar with Mr. Jayne. This settles the question, Who is Jayne? Is there not some one now who can answer the question, Who is Sanborn?

One of the questions of the day is, why Boss Shepherd allowed DeGolyer & McClelland to put down $65,000 worth of pavement in the District of Columbia after Charley Farwell had seen him—the pavement having been previously rejected as worthless. Did Charley go to see the Boss as a member of Congress or as plain C. B. Farwell? What has a member of Congress to do with a paving contract, more than any other man?

One of the questions of the day is, why Charley Farwell left his store last September and went to Washington to see Boss Shepherd in reference to a paving contract in the District of Columbia. Charley says it was because De Golyer & McClelland were constituents of his. The City Directory shows that they were constituents of the Hon. John B. Rice.

One of the questions of the day is, why Gen. O. E. Babcock, of the President's staff, did not "put a head on" Charles Sumner. He had the eminent example of Preston Brooks to encourage him.

It is much to be regretted that Charles Sumner was so bad a Republican in 1871 that Senator Howe was compelled to read him out of the party, that Secretary Fish was constrained to offer him the mission to England, and that Gen. O. E. Babcock was minded to horsewhip him.

NOTES ON THE ELECTIONS.

If last season was an "off year," is not this an "off-er?"—*St. Paul Pioneer.*

—A month ago, it was New Hampshire. Now it is Connecticut. Next fall, unless somebody is careful, it may be Massachusetts.—*Springfield Republican.*

—The Republicans [of Connecticut] staid away from the polls in a sort of disgust at the drift of affairs. . . . If the passage of the inflation bill by the Senate, on Monday, had taken place last week, it is probable that the Democratic majority might have been 2,000 or 3,000 more than it is; and this in spite of the fact that the Democratic party in Congress is as deep in the mud as the Republican is in the mire.—*Hartford Courant.*

—It is not that the people love the Democrats more, but the Republicans less, that the tide in political affairs apparently shows a retiring ebb. . . . Corruptions in the collection and disbursement of the revenue, the appointment of inefficient and unworthy men to office, and the general mismanagement of affairs, can have no other effect than to overwhelm in ruin the party that is responsible for them.—*Boston Globe.*

—It is the second voice of the year, speaking even more loudly in condemnation of the extravagance, the usurpation, the arrogant interference, and the reckless mismanagement of the Republican Government. Sanborn contracts, Jayne extortions, currency inflation, Butler appointments, Louisiana iniquities, all are swept away with the Salary-Grab and Credit Mobilier scandals on which the verdict was passed last year, and an indignant people reasserts its purpose of denying even a moral support to tottering Republicanism. There is no mistake in this decision.—*Boston Post.*

—Sanborn and Jayne helped powerfully to reelect Ingersoll, Governor of Connecticut, and send a Democrat to the United States Senate. The disgust that is generally felt towards Mr. B. F. Butler's prominence as a nominal Republican representative was another factor in the situation that went a good way towards multiplying Democratic votes. Still another difficulty was the generally unsatisfactory course of Congress thus far on the currency question. Hundreds of voters held the Republican party responsible for the course of the inflationists, though as large a proportion of Democratic Congressmen favor inflation policy as Republicans.—*Rochester (N. Y.) Express.*

—This victory in Connecticut is evidently due to the desire of the people to find some way to check the thefts, and rebuke the inefficiency of the National Administration; and they have used the Democratic party for that purpose, and for no other. . . . The people are beginning to fear the terrible goal to which Butler, Richardson, Grant, and the rest are hurrying them.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

—The Sanborn contract and the moiety exposure, the shuffling and delay in meeting the financial question, and the way Congress seems disposed to meet it, all combined to demoralize the Republican party in Connecticut, and there must be some mighty brisk "unloading" before fall, or this demoralization will be found spreading with disastrous effect to the great Central States, and to the election of the next National House of Representatives. Our political ostriches in Pennsylvania have their heads so deep in the sand, and their fingers so intent on grabbing, they can see nothing of this kind.—*Pittsburgh Evening Telegraph.*

—The hopelessly and alarmingly dishonest course of Congress in the matter of the finances, although shared in by Democrats and Republicans alike, was naturally charged to the ruling majority; and more justly the Republicans were held responsible for the desperate demoralization in the public service, as evidenced by the Sanborn contracts, the Custom-House swindles, the Simmons appointment, and the rest, and for the extravagance and mismanagement which are now causing the country such infinite concern. It is true that the resolutions of the Republican State Convention in Connecticut disavowed these wrongs, and took strong ground in favor of reform; but it is also true that people have heard just such fair promises again and again, and have seen nothing come of them, so that it is not surprising that they placed little confidence in them now. It is evident that if the Republicans wish to maintain their supremacy anywhere they must not only talk about "unloading," but must unload at once, or it will very soon be too late.—*Philadelphia Morning Chronicle.*

—Everywhere the determination to put the Grant-Butler party out of power, has taken hold upon the public. . . . Although the people were forbearing, and a large number of the Republican voters clung to their party, hoping against hope, and renewing confidence in the cheap and shallow promises of Reform made so lavishly by their party leaders, they have at last come to the conclusion to act upon their own responsibility and cast their unfaithful leaders adrift.—*Pittsburgh Post.*

—If the Republican leaders will not take the word of the independent newspapers, they had better get some Daniel to interpret the meaning of all these election bulletins.—*Worcester (Mass.) Gazette.*

—The truth is, that the conviction has become fixed in the public mind that the government of the country has fallen into the hands of adventurers, and that the only way to rescue that Government is to crush the party which has placed these adventurers in power.—*Albany Argus.*

—The Republican party has won its last victory in Kansas. The long catalogue of official crimes and swindles, State and National, is too heavy a load to be pulled through another contest.—*Kansas City Times.*

—It was not a question [in Connecticut] between Gov. Ingersoll and Mr. Harrison—both eminently respectable gentlemen. It was not even a question between Mr. Buckingham (a mild hypocrite) and his Democratic competitor for the United States Senate. The people knew full well that the election of Harrison would be accepted in Washington as an indorsement of everything done there during the past year, including the salary-steal, the Sanborn contracts, the Jayne moiety business, and the Louisiana outrage.—*Utica Observer.*

—The defeat [in Connecticut] would not be the cause of much regret, if there were any reasonable hope that it would teach Congress the lesson they are slow to learn. With Sanborn jobs and currency dilly-dallying, while profligacy and extravagance are unchecked, ought we to expect anything better than Connecticut has given us?—*Burlington Hawk-Eye.*

—Certainly no more significant nor emphatic token of popular dissatisfaction with Republican rule could be given than has been offered by the people of Connecticut, following, as it does, the similar rebuke administered by New Hampshire. The frauds and rascalities of the party in power, and the evidences of official corruption that are being almost daily developed, are having their proper effect.—*Wheeling Register.*

—Before indulging in reflections, it is well to know all the facts. When we understand just what the result is [in Connecticut] we can tell better just what it signifies, or whether it has any special signification at all.—*Albany Evening Journal.*

—We think it is about time that the "Sanborn investigation" was brought to a close.—*Pittsburgh Commercial.*

THE PRESS ON INFLATION.

The people of the Northwest are fully aware of the baleful effects of watering the stock of railroad corporations. But, while clamoring for legislation which shall stop this fraud, the people of the West shut their eyes to a greater evil, or tacitly encourage it. The proposed "expansion" of the currency which seems likely to be ordered by Congress is nothing less than watering greenbacks—watering National Bank notes. . . . It is best to see the truth clearly. The first step in inflation will but lead to a second and a third, and there will be no change of policy until the inevitable result is reached—general impoverishment and national bankruptcy.—*Rock Island (Ill.) Union.*

—We are opposed to the increase of the currency, and regard the action of the majority of Congress in voting to do so, without taking some decided and definite position in regard to the resumption of specie payments, as a mistake; and, in the end, those who now advocate this course will be sadly disappointed.—*Alton (Ill.) Telegraph.*

—But it is said that Grant will sign no bill that does not fix a day for the resumption of specie payment. The plain meaning of which is this, fix a day at which the people shall pay gold and silver for all the taxes owe, or buy, for all taxes, for salaries to all public officers, but the Government will issue its paper when it wishes, and pay its debts with that irredeemable paper. The people had as well look to this in time, or it may be too late.—*Quincy (Ill.) Herald.*

—The country is waking up to the enormous dangers of a further inflation of the currency. The Chicago Board of Trade emphatically condemned the policy yesterday, and there are similar movements in various parts of the Union. Can we not have some expression from Burlington's Board of Trade and business men upon this subject? . . . . . In inaugurating this system of inflation, Congress is guilty of one of the greatest blunders ever committed by a legislative body, and it is a disgrace to our country, and will be forever conspicuous in our history as a folly so absolute and inexcusable as to be little less than a great crime.—

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The Warren County Treasurer's Defalcation — Meetings to Increase Railway Facilities—Obituary—Rise of Manufactories, etc.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 9.—The Commission appointed to investigate the accounts of Col. P. Henderson, defaulting Treasurer of Warren County, submitted their report to the Board of Supervisors at Indianola yesterday evening. The total deficiency was found to be $32,674.20. His irregularities extend through his entire term as Treasurer, eight years. He has always figured as one of the leading Republicans of Central Iowa, and has been long constantly in office by his party for the past twenty-eight years. Last fall the Anti-Monopolists of Warren County elected their ticket, and the investigation was set on foot at once. The odium of Henderson's defalcation, together with that of Brandt and Rankin, is a bitter pill for the Radicals of this section to swallow.

DEATH FROM A BLOW.

Mr. A. B. Pearson, one of the largest farmers of Polk County and member of the Board of Supervisors, died suddenly at his home in Camp Township yesterday. His death is attributed to a blow upon the head received last February from a man named Dunn, who afterwards fled the country.

NEW RAILROAD.

The subject of a rail-connection with St. Louis continues to agitate the people of this city. Meetings are being held in all the principal towns along the proposed line via Knoxville, Albia, Warren, and Lucas Counties. They are all also getting excited over the matter, and propose substantial aid if the road will run through their borders. This evening a meeting of the Citizens' Association, comprising some of the heaviest taxpayers, resolved in favor of a direct rail-communication with St. Louis, and appointed Gen. J. M. Tuttle, Ex-Gov. Merrill, Dr. C. H. Rawson, the Hon. J. J. Phillips, Maj. Rorf Sherman, a committee to visit St. Louis and intervening points in furtherance of the object. Letters were read in the meeting from A FIRM OF STARCH-MANUFACTURERS in Indiana, relative to the establishment of a starch-factory here which would consume over 200,000 bushels of corn annually and cost $75,000. Mr. B. F. Allen, of your city, offers to donate the land for the factory. Oskaloosa offers $20,000 for the factory. A committee was appointed to correspond in reference to the matter. It is also proposed to establish a seminary for young ladies here the coming season.

THE FARMERS.

Call for a Mass-Meeting in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9.—The farmers have been in session in this city for two days on business connected with their State organization. The following call was resolved upon to be issued to the people of the State of Indiana:

Believing that the people are honest and capable of self-government; that the old political organizations are corrupt; that there is no trust to be placed in promises of either of the so-called great political parties; that there are no questions that ought to divide the people of Indiana; that the past dead issues should be buried with the past, and that we should address ourselves to the living questions of the day;

We therefore invite the farmers and industrial classes generally of Indiana to meet with us on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, in the City of Indianapolis, to devise ways and means to bring about such reforms as will emancipate our State from intolerable burdens heaped upon us by the misrule of corrupt party politicians. Come, let us take counsel together! This will take all the farmers' societies within the State, comprising in all about 1,800, and will result in sweeping both parties out of the field.

The call will be formally signed when county delegations have been selected.

OHIO LEGISLATURE.

COLUMBUS, O., April 9.—In the House this morning, the House bill extending the Saturday for the punishment of bribery in political conventions or political conventions was passed.

In the Senate, a communication was received from Gov. Allen, nominating John G. Thompson, of Columbus, to be State Commissioner of Railroads and Telegraphs. The nomination was confirmed.

In the House this evening, the following bills passed: House bill giving Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in cases arising under the law for the prevention of cruelty to animals; House bill authorizing the transmission of election returns in the district by mail; House bill enabling the Trustees of religious denominations to be incorporated, and defining their powers; House bill providing for the republication of $50 each of Volumes 2 to 18, inclusive, of the Ohio State reports; Senate bill amendment to Sections 435 and 436 of the Municipal Code, providing a method of letting contracts for the improvement of streets and planting shade-trees.

In the Senate the following bills passed: House bill to exempt from execution or seizure any fund set apart by benevolent associations for families of deceased members; Senate bill to secure the wages of labor by providing that railway and mining companies shall pay their employes their wages in preference to every other claim not secured by specific liens, and that such wages shall be paid on or before the 30th of each month for the amount due on the 1st of such month, under a penalty of 10 per cent to be added to the amount to be recovered by suit; Senate bill to protect mechanics and other laborers in the quiet and peaceable discharge of their avocations.

The Senate joint resolution for procuring the payment of the Morgan raid claims from the General Government was adopted.

POLITICAL.

Another Vote for Senator in the Massachusetts Legislature.

Other Political Matters.

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATORSHIP.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BOSTON, April 9.—But one ballot for Senator was taken to-day, resulting as follows:

Whole number	273
Necessary to a choice	137
Dawes	91
Hoar	73
Curtis	74
Adams	15
Banks	7
Sanford	9
Washburn	4
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A RENEWED FIRMNESS.

Mr. Learned, the leader of Mr. Dawes' forces, immediately moved an adjournment, which was carried almost unanimously. The secret of this action was the receipt of dispatches from gentlemen in Washington, friends of both the Republican candidates, requesting that nothing decisive should be done before the arrival of a messenger now on his way with important information.

DAWES TO BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

It soon became noised about that Mr. Learned had told Mr. Dawes' friends that he had information that Mr. Dawes was to be appointed Secretary of the Treasury. This rumor caused no little commotion in political circles, but this evening Mr. Learned says it had no trustworthy authority, that the whole matter was

A TELEGRAPHIC TRICK,

and that Mr. Dawes is entirely in the hands of his friends.

It is reported that Mr. Dawes' friends are now ready to withdraw his name, provided Mr. Hoar's name is also withdrawn, and to unite with Mr. Hoar's friends in the support of some man who will agree not to be a candidate for the long term. They say that if Mr. Dawes is now rejected he will appeal to the people in the election of the next Legislature. The man who will pledge himself to decline to accept an election for the long term has not yet been found.

Contested Election Case.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OSHKOSH, Wis., April 9.—The election of Alderman and Supervisor, and the vote on city officers in the Sixth Ward of this city will be contested, legal measures to that end having been already commenced. The ground of the complaint is, that two persons acted as clerks of election without being sworn. A young man named A. Lull, a minor, acted as one, and two persons not residents of the city handled tickets and counted them. The case will be carried to the Circuit Court.

Springfield (Ill.) Politics.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 9.—The triangular fight for city officers is now opened. John A. Chestnut leads the Law-and-Order movement for Mayor, John W. Bunn representing the Republican party, and Obed Lewis the Democratic party. The Republican party, headed by Cullom, preferred defeat to the indorsement of the Law-and-Order movement, and consequently made a straight party-nomination. Obed Lewis was strongly talked of as the Law-and-Order candidate before their nominations were made, and his nomination by the Democrats was a triumph over the radical whisky element in that party. The Democracy will elect their entire ticket triumphantly, no doubt.

State Treasurer of Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., April 9.—R. M. T. Hunter was to-day elected, by the General Assembly, State Treasurer, vice Mayo, removed.

RELIGIOUS.

Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Northwest.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—At the morning's session of the Presbyterian Women's Board of Missions of the Northwest to-day, considerable business was transacted, and a large number of reports were submitted. Milwaukee was selected as the place of the next meeting in April, 1875.

OFFICERS.

The following officers for the coming year were chosen:

President—Mrs. A. H. Hoge, of Evanston.
Vice-Presidents—Mrs. W. Blair, Mrs. C. H. McCormick, Chicago; Mrs. J. V. Farwell, Lake Forest, Ill.; Mrs. R. W. Patterson, Winnetka, Ill.; Mrs. J. G. Johnson, Peoria; Mrs. Read, Bloomington; Mrs. Pearsons, Onarga, Ill.; Mrs. S. C. Hutchinson, New Albany; Mrs. E. C. Walker, Detroit; Mrs. Dr. Ely, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Vedder, Milwaukee; Mrs. Gen. Van Cleve, Minnesota; Mrs. W. D. Raymond, Ohio; Mrs. J. D. Kerr, Nebraska; Mrs. Edward Turner, Hannibal, Mo.; Mrs. M. E. Fulton, Kentucky.

Home Corresponding Secretaries—Mrs. G. H. Laflin, Chicago; Mrs. William Gould.

Foreign Corresponding Secretaries—Mrs. Albert Keep, Chicago; Mrs. L. M. Boomer.

Recording Secretary—Miss Blake.

Treasurer—Mrs. Jessie Whitehead.

Board of Managers—Mrs. D. R. Pearson, Mrs. Benton, Mrs. S. Johnston, Mrs. A. Keith, Mrs. George Bliss, Mrs. G. Wood, Miss Holland, Mrs. W. B. Ainslie, Mrs. M. G. Holmes, Mrs. John Noble, Mrs. J. N. Barker, and Mrs. E. S. Williams, of Chicago; Mrs. A. M. Gibbs, Evanston; Mrs. Nichols, Lake Forest; Mrs. Weed, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Mrs. G. N. Hazelton, Columbia, Wis.; Mrs. Holt, Owatonna, Minn.; Mrs. J. S. Farrand, Detroit; Mrs. Kendall, Laporte; Mrs. Brown, Milwaukee.

At the afternoon session, the following delegates were chosen to represent the Board at the Presbyterian General Assembly, to be held in May: Mrs. J. L. Lyon, Michigan; Mrs. A. H. Hoge and Mrs. Pierson, Illinois; Mrs. Dr. Ely, Iowa; Mrs. Edward Mann, Indiana; Mrs. Brown, Wisconsin, and Mrs. George Pomeroy, Ohio.

MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

The Committee on the Publication of *Woman's Work for Woman* recommended the monthly publication of this magazine, and pledged the utmost efforts to increase its circulation, and to send missionary intelligence for publication therein. Their report was adopted.

FINANCIAL.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Truax, reported about $1,150 contributed and pledged to-day, which increases the fund raised during the year to nearly $16,000, against $9,400 the previous year. Mrs. G. P. Tindall, of Ypsilanti, read a paper on the training of children and youth in missionary work. A mother's devotional meeting followed, and concluded the proceedings of the Board.

THE CINCINNATI BRANCH.

COLUMBUS, O., April 9.—The Cincinnati Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met here to-day. About forty delegates were present from Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. During the past year the Society has collected $11,956, and disbursed $5,934. The Society was organized in 1870 with five auxiliaries. It has grown until at present it has 128 branch associations. Of this number 130 were organized during the past year.

The Rev. W. H. H. Murray Gives His Reasons for Wishing an Assistant—He is Willing to Surrender His Salary.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

The Rev. W. H. H. Murray has given in printed form his views upon the subject of an associate pastor, having sent a communication to the Joint Committees of the Park Street Church and Society, who met last evening. After quoting Scripture at great length to show that the idea of an associate pastorate was strictly in harmony with Scriptural precedent, Mr. Murray spoke of the growth of the church and the increasing membership during the past forty years; calling attention, among other things, to the fact that the congregation had become widely scattered as to their residences, and the duties of the pastoral office had vastly multiplied. Speaking of the relation of this church to the denomination, he said: "If this church demands a more potent and fitting representation in the denomination, which is perfectly proper for it to desire, then it must secure

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than the present pastor; for neither in years or in knowledge is he fitted for such work, necessary and legitimate as he confesses it to be."

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH.

In the relation of the church to the public, Mr. Murray urged that the realization of the future high destiny called for an associate-pastor. Either two pastors here, or two pastors—one here, and the other somewhere else—must, before long, be the choice. The election might be deferred for a year or more, but, sooner or later, it will have to be made.

To the possible objection that the organization in its present condition could not raise sufficient funds with which to meet the increased expense, the preacher begged permission to say that the objection was not insurmountable.

READY TO GIVE UP HIS SALARY.

It would be an actual pleasure for him to assist the organization in this direction. He, therefore, respectfully proposed to the Church and Parish,—in case they should call an associate pastor,—to surrender his present salary to the Treasurer of the Parish until such time as the income to it should so far exceed the annual expenses that they would feel at liberty to renew it or such portion of it as might seem to them needed and proper.

HE CANNOT DO THE WORK ALONE.

In closing his address, Mr. Murray said that an associate pastorate seemed to him both admissible and feasible. He felt unable to perform the work which the present and prospective necessities of the organization put upon him.

The document was read, and, after an informal conversation regarding it, the Committees adjourned for one week, without taking any action.

FIRES.

At Hillsdale.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

HILLSDALE, Mich., 9.—This place was visited late last night by another destructive fire, involving a loss of between $40,000 and $50,000. The fire originated in the rear portion of a leather store belonging to J. H. Armstrong, and spread so rapidly that for a time it was thought that the whole town would fall a victim to the flames. Telegrams was sent to Coldwater and Adrian for engines, but they arrived too late to be of much assistance. The stores of J. H. Armstrong, leather; J. P. Cook, hardware; C. Sheldon, boots and shoes; and B. B. Fisher, grocery, were destroyed. A large part of the goods was saved. The insurance aggregates about $20,000, the brunt of the loss falling on the Hartford and Ætna Insurance Companies. The origin of the fire is not known.

Incendiary Fires at Midland, Mich.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., April 9.—W. S. Patricks' extract factory, at Midland, was totally destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock this morning. No fire had been around the premises for two weeks, and is attributed to incendiarism. There was an insurance of $7,500, and the loss above insurance is estimated at $500.

At Amsterdam, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 9.—Phillips, Gardner & Co.'s knitting mill, at Amsterdam, burned today. Loss, $60,000; insurance, $45,000.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Important Decision by the Supreme Court of Michigan.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LANSING, Mich., April 9.—The case of John Whitely v. the City of Lansing was decided by the Supreme Court granting a writ of mandamus. This has been in litigation a number of years, and bears the same relationship to this city that the Detroit Park case does to Detroit. The Court adjourned until the 21st of this month.

Gen. Hood Files an Answer to the Suit in Connection with the Pacific & Atlantic Telegraph Company.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DAYTON, O., April 9.—Maj.-Gen. Wood, U. S. A., has filed an answer to the suit brought against him in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, which grew out of his operations in the stock of the Pacific & Atlantic Telegraph Company, of which he was a Director. The plaintiff's claim damages on the ground that he procured their stock to be transferred to the Western Union Company by fraudulent representations of the condition of the Pacific & Atlantic Company; and also, by representing that it was not to be so transferred. The Department's answer is a complete denial of all material allegations of the plaintiff's petition, except that he was Director of the Company, and purchased stock, but not by fraudulent representations.

MADISON.

Reorganization of the State Board of Charities — Democratic Election Gains.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., April 9.—Gov. Taylor has at last reorganized the State Board of Charities and Reform, which has been disorganized several weeks by the resignation of Messrs. Allen and Merrill and Mrs. Lynde, and the expiration of the term of Mr. Giles. The Board as reconstructed consists of Andrew E. Elmore, Green Bay, holding over; Mrs. W. P. Lynde, of Milwaukee, and the Hon. H. H. Giles, of Madison, reappointed, and Dr. W. W. Reed, of Jefferson, and E. E. Chapin, of Columbus, new appointments. The Board is composed of persons well suited to, and interested in, their work, and is as nearly non-partisan as it could be, and gives general satisfaction.

The election of Supervisors in this county shows several Democratic gains.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—For the Upper Lake Regions, Iowa, and Missouri, generally clear weather, and light to fresh winds, mostly from the west.

LOCAL OBSERVATION.

CHICAGO, April 9, 1874.

Hour of observation.	*Barometer.*	*Thermometer.*	*Humidity.*	*Direction and force of wind.*	*Weather.*
6:53 a. m...	30.18	27	76	N., brisk.....	Fair.
11:18 a. m...	30.18	31	69	N. E., brisk..	Fair.
2:00 p. m...	30.07	33	64	N., brisk.....	Fair.
3:33 p. m...	30.03	32	79	N., brisk.....	Fair.
9:00 p. m...	30.03	32	79	N., fresh.....	Clear.
10:18 p. m...	30.05	33	80	N., fresh.....	Clear.

Maximum thermometer, 32.
Minimum thermometer, 27.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

CHICAGO, April 10—1 a. m.

Station.	*Bar.*	*Thr*	*Wind.*	*Rain*	*Weather.*
Cairo	30.03	41	N., calm	.85	Clear.
Chicago	30.05	33	N., fresh		Clear.
Cheyenne	30.02	40	Calm		Clear.
Cincinnati	29.84	32	N., brisk	.35	Lt. snow.
Cleveland	29.80	32	E., brisk	.36	Lt. snow.
Denver	30.08	44	S., light		Clear.
Detroit	29.93	29	N. E., fresh		Clear.
Duluth	29.96	34	Calm	.01	Clear.
Davenport	30.06	35	N., fresh		Clear.
Escanaba	30.01	30	S., W., fresh		Fair.
Keokuk	30.07	39	N., light		Clear.
LaCrosse	30.09	37	E., fair		Light.
Leavenworth	29.97	42	Calm		Fair.
Marquette	30.00	30	S. W., gentle	.04	Fair.
Milwaukee	30.10	28	S. W., fresh		Clear.
Omaha	30.06	30	Calm		Clear.
Pembina	30.01	32	Calm		Clear.
Ft. Garry	29.91	30	Calm		Fair.
Ft. Gibson	30.13	33	Calm		Clear.
Toledo	29.95	33	N., fresh		Clear.
Yankton	30.02	42	S., light		Clear.

NAVIGATION.

DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—Reports from Sault Ste. Marie show cold weather, with the mercury at 4 degrees above zero last night, and 15 degrees this morning.

At the Straits of Mackinac there is a light south wind, with the thermometer at 20 degrees above zero. The ice is solid.

Navigation on Lake Huron is nearly stopped on account of the new ice.

FATHER POINT, April 9.—A schooner from Northshear has arrived, and a vessel passed seaward yesterday. River clear of ice.

FOX RIVER, Quebec, April 9.—The Gulf is clear of ice.

RIVIER DU LOUP, Quebec, April 9.—A schooner and yacht have arrived from Saguenay River.

ST. CATHARINES, April 9.—The Welland Canal opened to-day, and vessels commenced locking. A large number of vessels are in the canal bound up, and several, including propellers, have arrived at Port Dalhousie.

PORT COLBORNE, April 9.—A tug brought in the schooner Cheney across this forenoon; first arrival of the season. The bark Home arrived at noon. A tug is outside, after another vessel. The propeller Antelope and barges are leaving for Bay City. Wind northeast, and fresh.

WASHINGTON.

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bonds as a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity.

EXPORTATION OF SPIRITS.

The Senate Finance Committee in reporting to-day the House bill to facilitate the exportation of distilled spirits, makes an important change in it by striking out the provision for an allowance of 2 per cent reduction for the leakage of spirits while in course of bonded transportation, and by refusing to agree to the second section, which provides that bonds shall be canceled whenever proof is furnished the department that spirits were destroyed in transit. Such cases, they think, should be made the subjects of special relief.

The Finance Committee also recommend nonconcurrence in the action of the House proposing to reduce the export stamp from 25 to 10 cents for each package.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. WRIGHT, from the Finance Committee, reported amendments to the House bill to facilitate the exportation of distilled spirits. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on Pensions, reported, with amendments, the House bill to increase the pensions of sailors totally disabled. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. GORDON, from the Committee on Commerce, reported without amendment the House bill exempting from the provisions of the act of Feb. 19, 1793, all boats employed on internal waters and canals in any State, and providing that all such boats as have sails or propelling machinery of their own adapted to the lake or coastwise navigation, and excepting such as are employed in trade with Canada, shall be exempt from the payment of all customs or other fees.

THE PRINTING QUESTION.

Mr. ANTHONY called attention to the practice of the Senate in ordering bills to be printed when introduced. He said bills of a private nature were frequently printed two or three times,—first upon their introduction, again when reported from Committee, and again after having passed,—and probably were never read by any one. He hoped hereafter Senators would not ask to have private bills printed upon introducing them, but wait until they would be reported from the Committees.

THE MENNONITES.

Mr. WINDOM moved to take up the bill to enable the Mennonites of Russia to make a permanent settlement upon the public lands of the United States.

Mr. EDMUNDS objected, and the bill went over until to-morrow.

THE PENSION OFFICE.

Mr. PRATT, from the Committee on Pensions, reported unfavorably on the resolution from the Minnesota Legislature, asking for an investigation into the affairs of the Pension Office. Laid on the table.

PROPOSED DONATION.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN introduced a bill to authorize the Librarian of Congress to send books to the Government of Iceland. Referred.

BILL PASSED.

The following bill upon the calendar passed: House bill for the inspection of disbursements of appropriations made by officers of the army.

ARMS FOR NEBRASKA.

The Senate bill to authorize the issue of a supply of arms to the authorities of the State of Nebraska was dismissed until the expiration of the morning hour, when it went over.

TERRITORIAL RAILROAD BILL.

The unfinished business being the Senate bill to provide for the incorporation and regulation of railroad companies in the Territories of the United States, was taken up, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. WRIGHT to recommit the bill.

Mr. WRIGHT withdrew that motion and offered several verbal amendments, which were accepted by the Chairman of the Committe.

Mr. WRIGHT then moved to strike out section 21 of the bill, giving the right of way to any railroad company organized under the act through unoccupied public lands of the United States, in any State, to the extent of 100 feet in width on each side of the centre of such railroad, with authority to take from such public lands materials for the construction and maintenance of the road, and ground for station buildings, depots, and shops, not to exceed forty acres for each ten miles of road. Agreed to.

Mr. HAZARD moved to strike out the fourteenth section of the bill which authorizes any corporation organized under the act to acquire by purchase or gift, any lands in the vicinity of its road, or through which the same may pass, and convey the same in such manner as the Directors may prescribe. Agreed to.

Mr. PRATT moved to amend the eighth section of the bill so as to grant ten acres of public lands in the Territories for station buildings, depots, and shops, for every ten miles of road, instead of 40 acres, as proposed by the Committee. Agreed to.

Mr. CLAYTON moved an amendment, requiring every road organized under the act to maintain, at some point on the line of its road, an office where books shall be kept, and open at all times for inspection. Agreed to.

Mr. HAGER moved to amend the first section so as to provide that the provisions of the bill shall not apply to the District of Columbia. Agreed to.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM moved an amendment forbidding the construction of any road across an Indian reservation.

Mr. SARGENT moved a substitute therefor, so as to provide that a road should not cross an Indian reservation unless the written permission of the Secretary of the Interior be first obtained.

Pending discussion, the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PALESTINE EXPEDITION.

The Committee on Military Affairs has agreed to report a resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to detail an officer to command the second expedition of the Palestine Exploring Society, soon to take the field on the east side of the Jordan.

ANTI-MOIETY BILL.

E. H. ROBERTS, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to repeal all moieties. He stated that the bill referred to only one branch of the subject, which the Committee was still considering, and which would in due time be reported on.

Mr. WOOD said the bill had not received the vote of the Committee, and, in his opinion, did not go far enough.

The bill was ordered printed and recommitted.

The text of the bill is as follows:

A BILL to repeal all moieties, and for other purposes:

Be it enacted, etc., That all provisions of law under which moieties of any fines, penalties, or forfeitures, or any share therein, are paid to informers or officers of the Customs, or other officers of the United States, are hereby repealed, and from and after the passage of this act the proceeds of all fines, penalties and forfeitures shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States.

"SEC. 2. That it shall hereafter be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any moneys specially appropriated by Congress to make suitable compensation to informers and other persons aiding in the detection of smuggling and other offenses against the customs, revenue laws, or aiding in convictions of the same, and he shall annually report to Congress in detail all payments made him for such purposes. Whenever any officer of the Customs or other person shall detect and seize goods, wares, or merchandise in the act of being smuggled, or which have been smuggled, he shall be entitled to such compensation therefor as the Secretary of the Treasury shall award, not exceeding one-half of the net proceeds, if any resulting from such seizure, after deducting all costs and charges connected therewith; and whenever any person not an officer of the United States shall furnish to a District Attorney, or to any chief officer of customs, original information concerning any fraud upon the customs revenue perpetrated or contemplated, which shall lead to the recovery of any duties withheld of, or any fine, penalty, or forfeiture incurred, such compensation may, on such recovery, be paid to the informer as shall be just and reasonable, not exceeding in any case the sum of $10,000, which compensation shall be paid under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury out of any moneys appropriated for that purpose.

"SEC. 3. That no money shall be paid to any person claiming as informer in any case where judicial proceedings shall have been instituted, unless his right as such informer shall have been established to the satisfaction of the Court or Judge having cognizance of such proceedings, and the value of his services duly certified by Court or Judge for the information of the Secretary of the Treasury; and when any fine, penalty, or forfeiture shall be collected without judicial proceedings, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, before directing payment to any person claiming as informer, require satisfactory proof that such person is justly entitled thereto.

"SEC. 4. That whenever any District Attorney shall receive notice of any application before a Judge of the District Court for the mitigation or remission of any fine, penalty, or forfeiture, he shall immediately notify the Collector of Customs for the district in which such fine, penalty, or forfeiture was incurred, who shall thereupon notify the person or persons who may be interested in the prosecution of the case, in order that he or they may attend and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should be refused, and said Collector shall also furnish to the District Attorney all practical information necessary to enable him to protect the interests of the United States.

"SEC. 5. That no officer, informer, or other person entitled to or interested in a part or share of any fine, penalty, or forfeiture incurred under the Customs Revenue laws of the United States shall be thereby disqualified from becoming a witness in any action, suit, or proceedings for recovery, mitigation, or remission thereof, but shall be subject to examination and cross-examination in like manner with other witnesses, without being thereby deprived of any right, title, share, or interest in any fine, penalty, or forfeiture to which such examination may relate, provided that in every such case, whenever an officer, informer, or person entitled to any share in the fine, penalty, or forfeiture shall appear as a witness, the defendant or defendants shall also be entitled to testify and to be examined and cross-examined in like manner."

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The bill reported yesterday by Mr. Woodford, to prevent officers of the United States from receiving or being paid any money beyond their fixed salary, came up, and was discussed. Mr. WOODFORD explaining and advocating the bill, and Messrs. DAWES and BUTLER (Mass.) opposing it as not being sufficiently matured, the latter alluding to the criticism on the display of Republican officials, and contrasting the modesty of the present day with the ostentatious display of George Washington, who never traveled a rod without making requisition upon the Quartermaster's Department for six horses and a coach for himself, and four horses and a coach for his Secretary.

In the course of the debate Mr. MERRIAM, who had introduced the bill originally, stated that on the morning after he had done so, a Government officer had pressed himself on the floor, and in a very excited manner approached him, saying, "This bill will ruin me; it takes away the carriage which I use, and it is impossible for me to get along without it." He said it was very hard on him, especially on his wife, and he saw no objection to her riding when he did not want the carriage. He (Merriam) told him as he now told the House, that the Republican party could not afford longer to carry wives of public officials.

After further debate, Mr. WOODFORD, admitting that there were some practical objections to the bill in its present shape, moved to refer it to the Committee of Ways and Means. The bill was so referred—yeas, 159; nays, 69.

Mr. SPEER moved that the Committee have leave to report at any time.

Mr. RAYMOND objected.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

The House resumed consideration of the Currency bill.

Mr. E. R. HOAR opposed the bill.

Mr. CONGER discussed the question as a conflict between capital and labor, between wealth and poverty, between a few thousand favorites of fortune and a million sons of toil. From every quarter came ominous signs of warning, and new murmurs of dissatisfaction. Hardly had Mr. Hawley (Connecticut) proclaimed that he hold would no more companionship with those who would vote for more currency than the citizens of his own State took him as their model, and, with sorrow, withdrew from the commotion, and laid the Senatorial honors from his longing vision. [Laughter.] Even the Granite State had cast off a party whose leaders in the House had forgotten to guard the mission of the Republican party to care for the poor and lowly, and protect the toiling millions from the encroachments of monopoly and wealth.

Mr. GARFIELD opposed the bill and took for the text of his remarks a sentence of a very remarkable paper written a few years ago by Thomas Carlyle, and the title of which was suggestive to-day, "Shooting Niagara, and After." Discussing some of the things that made up his title, he said that they had a very vulgar Bromely proverb in England, "Cheap and nasty." There was a pregnancy in that homely adage which ought not to be misunderstood. It was the rude, indignant protest of human nature against the elements which sought for quantity instead of quality; which sought for bulk at the expense of truth and usefulness. That characterized his (Garfield's) opinion of the policy which seemed to have been fixed upon by the majority of the two Houses. They were proposing now to make a surrender of quality in the name of appearance; to get empty shadows and names, and lose the solid substance which the names ought to represent. In the course of eleven years, he had seen no day so fraught with consequences as great and far-reaching as this day. Referring to the efforts at repudiation in 1867 and 1868, he said the sense of the American conscience had responded to those efforts in the election of Grant to the Presidency on the marked and distinct issue that repudiation should have no name or abiding-place in the American Republic. That verdict had been sealed when, in the first annual message of President Grant, he declared that no man should have any place of honor, trust, or profit who did not repudiate repudiation, and who was not willing to do his utmost to preserve the public faith untarnished. That great victory had been gained in the name of conscience, in the name of honor, in the name of truth, and the country went forward in its career of prosperity. The next great battle fought was in 1870, when the demand for more paper money rang through the halls of Congress as it rang through them to-day. The pending proposition in regard to a proposition to tumble out the ballast, spread all sails, and give the ship of national credit to the lightning and the gale. He believed that the proposition was fraught with immense and measureless mischief. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Butler) had, the other day, compared the circulating medium to quarts, pots, and yardsticks. He would take that comparison, and would reply to it that yardsticks were not reduced, but were kept to the standard of antiquity and of law. That was what he wanted to do with the currency. He desired realities, not shadows; not the gift of fruits which tempt the eyes, but turn to ashes on the lips. He believed the day was not far distant when the cry would come up from those bowed down in the scale of humblest laborers, on whom the dead weight of all depreciation would fall with the most crushing power, cursing the day when they were deluded by legerdemain and sophistry.

Mr. KASSON agued to convince men from the East that there was some good sense and justice in the demand made by the West and South for more banking facilities. If the East did not want free banking, the West did, in order to establish what banks they could utilize. If the East did not want an increase of the currency, let the West have it. The West and South would be content if they could have what banking facilities and currency they could use. He believed that in these respects the Senate bill would be more beneficial to the people of the West than the House bill. He put it to his Western colleagues, however, whether it would not be better to take exclusively for the States that had a deficiency the $46,000,000, which was all that they could use for some years to come, instead of adopting the free-banking system for the West and South.

Mr. RANDALL addressed the House in favor of a return to specie basis, and against an increase of legal-tenders or National-Bank notes.

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MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 9.

Money was somewhat more in demand to-day. There was abundance offering at 10 per cent on good securities. A few of the banks show a disposition to discount at rates a shade lower, on long time, and for the best of security. In one case, it was said that 8 per cent could be obtained for large amounts at 4 months. The transactions reported are at 10 per cent. Street rates for money are at 8 to 10 per cent.

The spring trade is opening, and country merchants are leaving for Chicago in "schools," according to one correspondent. They carry drafts on the Chicago banks from the country banks, which will therefore draw heavily on their balances here. Leading houses in the dry goods, groceries, boot and shoe, and clothing business report indications of an active spring trade.

Shipments to the East are heavy, and in excess of the delivery of produce here. This movement is largely due to the very low rates by rail. Vessel-owners are uncertain what rates they may be able to charge upon the opening of navigation.

Exchange on New York was easier. Between the banks, and for sellers, it was at par. Buyers had to pay a premium of 25c.

Dealings in securities, notwithstanding the abundance of money, are light. In local stocks, the operations are mainly in the Chicago City and Cook County bonds, of which Preston, Kean & Co. report that they could sell more than they can buy. Wrenn, Brewster & Co. report some gas stock offered.

Railroad stocks are falling off. The railroads are earning very little for various reasons. People are demanding the best of securities for their money, and seem to distrust stocks. Dealers think this due in part to such legislation as the Wisconsin Railroad law, and similar enactments in other States, and in part to the timidity and doubt engendered in all business by the disturbance of the currency on the part of Congress. Uncertainty has made even speculators pause, and all enterprise shrinks within itself. Investments are wanted that are independent of these uncertainties. Some financiers are talking of investing in gold contracts, which have been recognized as valid by the courts, as one means of evading the dangers of the currency.

Eleven banks responded to the call for a meeting of the Clearing House Association to-day to consider the currency question. They were the First National, Third National, Merchants' National, Northwestern National, Commercial National, Union National, Merchants' Savings, Loan and Trust Company, National Bank of Illinois, Prairie State Loan and Trust Company, German National, and International. As three less than a quorum were present, the meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow, Friday, at 4½ p. m., when it is to be hoped the Association will give weighty expression to its disapprobation of the measures now before Congress for inflation.

LOCAL STOCK RATES.

The banking-house of Preston, Kean & Co. report as follows: Quotations at 12 m.:

	Buying.	Selling.
United States 6s of '81	120¾	121
United States 5-20s of '62	117¾	117¾
United States 5-20s of '64	119¼	119¾
United States 5-20s of '65	120¾	120¾
United States 5-20s of '65—January and July	118¾	119
United States 5-20s of '67—January and July	119¾	120
United States 5-20s of '68—January and July	119¾	119¾
10-40s	114¾	114¾
United States 6s (new issue)	113¾	113¾
United States currency 6s	116¾	117
Gold (full weight)	113	113¼
Gold coupons	113¼	113¾
Eastern ex. (counter rates)	1-16 to ⅛ dis.	Par.
Gold exchange	113¼	113¾
Sterling	84.85¼@4.88¼	
Chicago City 7s	98¼ & int. par & int.	
Cook County 7s	98¼ & int. par & int.	
Town, county, and city 10 per cent bonds	90@95	95@97¼
Money on approved collaterals	8@10 per ct.	

LATEST.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Money, 4@4½.

Sterling dull; $4.85 for sixty-day, and $4.88 sight.

Customs receipts, $350,000.

Gold closed at 1.13⅛ after selling at 1.13⅛@1.13⅜.

Carrying rate 3 to 4.

The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $20,000.

Clearings, $27,000,000.

Governments steady.

State bonds quiet and nominal.

Stocks declined ½ to 1½ of 1 per cent at opening, recovered at first call, and declined after midday from ⅛ to 1⅝ per cent; during the last hour of business the market was firm, with recovery of ⅛ to ⅝ of 1 per cent from the lowest point.

A decided feature of the afternoon was a sharp decline in St. Louis and Iron Mountain from 45 to 37, closing at 41. The decline was caused by sales of 600 shares hypothecated stock, the margins on which had been exhausted.

Rock Island sold ex-div. just before the close. The principal dealings were in Lake Shore, Pacific Mail, Western Union, Union Pacific, Northwestern, New York Central, Wabash, and Erie. The sales between 10 and 2 o'clock amounted to 193,000 shares, of which 14,500 were Western Union; 6,600 Union Pacific; 7,000 Wabash; 17,000 Pacific Mail; 600 Ohio; 14,500 New York Central; 7,000 Lake Shore; 16,000 Erie; 6,500 Rock Island; and 7,000 Northwestern.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.			
Coupons, '81	120¾	Coupons, '67	119¼
Coupons, '62	117¾	Coupons, '68	119¼
Coupons, '64	119¼	New 5s	115¾
Coupons, '65	120¾	10-40s	114¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	118¾	Currency 6s	117

STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	94	Virginias, old	30
Tennessees, old	87½	North Carolinas, old	28
Tennessees, new	87½	North Carolinas, new	21
Virginias, new	63		

STOCKS.			
Canton	75	St. Paul pfd	61¾
Western Union	78	Wabash	48½
Michigan Central	71	Wabash pfd	71
Adams Express	97½	Fort Wayne	94¾
Wells Fargo	77	Terre Haute	11
American Express	63½	Terre Haute pfd	32¾
Boston & Alb'y	104½	Chicago & Alton	135
Pacific Mail	47½	C. & A. pfd	107
New York C.	99¾	Ohio & Mississippi	29¾
Erie	38½	Cleve., Cin. & Col	72
Erie pfd	55	Chi., Bur. & Quincy	112
Harlem	126	Lake Shore	77¾
Harlem pfd	130	Illinois Central	92
Michigan Central	83	Illinois Central pfd	130
Pittsburgh & Ft. W	89¾	Union Pacific bonds	86¾
Northwestern	53¾	Union Pacific stock	37
Northwestern pfd	79¾	Central Pacific stock	94½
Rock Island	91½	Boston, Hart. & Erie	1¾
New Jersey Central	105½	Del., Lack. & Western	107
St. Paul	41¾		

REAL ESTATE.

Board of Real Estate Brokers.

The real estate agents, brokers, and dealers met at 2 p. m. yesterday in Boone Block to take steps to establish a Real Estate Exchange. Col. George R. Clarke presided, and Mr. F. L. Honore was appointed Secretary pro tem. There were about forty gentlemen present.

The Chairman reported a constitution and by-laws prepared by the Committee on Permanent Organization.

THE CONSTITUTION

provided that the name of the organization should be "The Board of Real Estate Brokers of Chicago," the officers to consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, one Secretary, one Treasurer, an Executive Board of five members, a Board of Arbitration of three members, and such other officers as the Board shall from time to time appoint. The President shall preside at all meetings, and sign all orders on the Treasurer for payment of money; the Vice-Presidents shall act in the absence of the President; the Secretary shall perform the usual functions of a Secretary; the Executive Committee shall secure a place of meeting, audit bills, and take charge of the general management of the Board; the Committee on Arbitration shall decide all matters in dispute between members of the Board touching any matters growing out of the sale or exchange of real estate; the Treasurer shall collect dues and have charge of the money; the Board shall hold regular annual meetings on the third Thursday of January, when officers shall be elected.

THE BY-LAWS

provide for a regular weekly meeting, and an order of business, and that any real estate agent, dealer, or broker, in good standing in his profession, who has a regular office for the transaction of his business, may become an active member of the Board.

After the first regular meeting, a majority vote of members shall be required to elect new members.

The Executive Committee shall make arrangements for auction-sales, prescribing terms, auctioneers, commissions, and what action, if any, the Board shall take in the matter.

Whenever any disagreement arises between the members, growing out of any real estate transaction, and either party shall desire the Board to take cognizance of it, the matter shall be referred to the Committee of Arbitration, before whom the parties, with their witnesses shall be cited by the Board to appear, and the arbitrators shall hear the testimony, and impartially decide the matter in dispute, reporting their finding to the Board for approval; the decision to be binding on the parties if a majority of the members of the Board present at the meeting approve thereof, and any refusal on the part of either disputant to acquiesce in the same shall be punished by expulsion.

Whenever any broker or brokers shall notify the Secretary that they wish to hold an auction-sale of real estate under the auspices of the Board a meeting shall be called to prescribe rules and regulations under which the sale shall be conducted, and shall take charge of the preliminary arrangements for such sale, but at no time shall such action involve the Board in pecuniary loss.

The Secretary shall keep a register in which any member in good standing shall have the right to enter any want he may wish to have supplied touching the regular business of the Board, and such register shall be always open to inspection by any member of the Board. The register shall be conveniently indexed by streets, sections, and parts of sections.

The Executive Committee shall prescribe a weekly rate in money, at which any broker shall have the right to advertise upon bulletin-boards furnished by the Board, any piece or parcel of land he may have for sale, exclusive of any other broker, or any want he may wish to have supplied.

The President and Secretary shall receive a salary of —— dollars, and the members of the Executive and Arbitration Committees shall be paid for actual services.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the Board at a regular meeting, and thirty at the annual meeting. A majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum.

The Treasurer shall give a bond, and shall report receipts and disbursements at the annual meeting.

Any member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of those present at a regular meeting, when, after a fair and impartial trial, he shall have been proved guilty of dishonest conduct touching the real estate business, or for being a notoriously bad character.

The by-laws may be repealed or modified at any regular meeting, one week's notice being given.

ACTION TAKEN.

The Constitution was adopted without amendment.

The by-laws were amended as follows:

There shall be regular meetings the first Tuesday in each month, and the rooms shall be kept open for the transaction of business between members, from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. daily.

An attempt to strike out the word "profession" and insert "business" was lost, on the suggestion of a gentleman who said "profession" was more high-toned.

Talking of members, Col. Clark expected that, out of the 480 real estate men in the city, they would have 200 members in the Board.

The initiation fee was fixed at $25, and the annual dues at $25, both payable in advance.

SALARIES.

The salaries of the President and Secretary, and the compensation of members of committees, being under consideration, the matter was postponed until after the annual meeting, when the amounts will be fixed.

The Executive Committee is to decide the amount of the Treasurer's bond.

The by-laws were adopted as amended.

Messrs. Wallace, Blanchard, and Welch were appointed a Committee to print the Constitution and by-laws.

The meeting adjourned until Wednesday, when preparations will be made for the election of officers at the first annual meeting, which will be held the day following.

Transfers.

The most important transaction in real estate made public yesterday was a sale by J. Young Scammon to the Marine Company, by which he disposes of certain tracts of lands and buildings, enumerated elsewhere, for the sum of $300,000. This can scarcely be considered a legitimate transfer at real valuations, however, as the property is well known to be worth a much greater sum.

The following instruments were filed for record yesterday:

Crawford st, near Archer av, e f, 24 ft to alley, dated April 9; consideration, $700.

Monroe st, 212 ft e of Milwaukee av, n w f, 50x115 ft, dated July 12, 1873; consideration, $1,700.

Cottage Grove av, near Twenty-sixth st, w f, 27 95-100 ft to South Park av, dated April 7; consideration, $9,000.

Fifteenth st, 358 ft w of Loomis st, s f, 97x124 ft, dated March 1; consideration, $1,350.

North Halsted st, 23 ft n of Erie st, e f, 23x116 ft, with building, dated March 20; consideration, $2,000.

Western av, 50 ft n of Congress st, e f, 25x133½ ft, dated March 23; consideration, $2,000.

Farrell st, 225 ft s of Lyman st, s w f, 25x106 ft, dated April 8; consideration, $550.

Park av, Grand Crossing, w f, south of Wood st, n f, 24x132 ft, dated Nov. 22, 1873; consideration, $14,000.

West Monroe st, 32½ ft w of Campbell av, s f, 65½x120 ft, dated Feb. 14; consideration, $7,500.

Same as the above, dated March 30; consideration, $7,600.

North LaSalle st, 40 ft n of Schiller st, w f, 30x58 ft, dated March 10; consideration, $2,200.

Seventeenth st, 231 ft e of Halsted st, s f, 24x100 ft, dated April 9; consideration, $1,350.

Monroe st, 150 ft e of Wood st, n f, 25x183½ ft, dated April 7; consideration, $3,600.

Madison st, 102 ft w of Spaulding av, n f, 20x161 ft, dated April 6; consideration, $2,000.

Van Buren st, 73 ft e of Homan av, s f, 50x100 ft, with 26x100 ft in same Subdivision, dated April 6; consideration, $3,000.

Idaho st, between Polk and Taylor sts, s f, 13x125¼ ft, dated March 16; consideration, $600.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lots 7, 8, 12, 15, 17, and 18, in Block 1, Keeney's Additions to Ravenswood, dated Jan. 15; consideration, $6,500.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Wabash av, 106 ft n of Fifty-ninth st, e f, 25x161 3-10 ft, dated March 28; consideration, $1,250.

S 100x372 ft of Block 15 of Kinzie's part of n e ¼ s w ¼ Sec 5, 38, 14, dated April 8; consideration, $8,000.

Block 5, in Thompson & Holmes' 45 acres in s e ¼ Sec. 17, 37, 14, dated April 4; consideration, $13,500.

E ½ of Lot 11 of Lots 7 to 12, in Block 2, etc., of Jenning's n ½ s w ¼ of n e ¼ Sec 3, 38, 14, dated April 10; consideration, $9,000.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 9,

of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.
Flour, brls	8,506	7,000	11,675	9,760
Wheat, bu	74,410	14,730	116,579	28,055
Corn, bu	1,993	16,050	37,861	5,372
Oats, bu	2,887	24,730	25,072	28,700
Rye, bu	2,250	1,107	1,135	376
Barley, bu	2,890	9,650	4,517	11,524
Grass seed, lbs	73,307	77,970	137,037	53,004
Flax seed, lbs	3,630		21,960	28,430
Broom corn, lbs	10,000	13,300		28,880
Cured meats, lbs	1,330	116,480	753,114	578,926
Beef, brls	116	310	30	4
Pork, brls	12	219	1,314	1,338
Lard, lbs	3,500	14,920	479,915	97,648
Tallow, lbs	1,960	32,570	28,400	
Butter, lbs	30,420	30,400	7,910	240
Dressed hogs, No	18		330	
Live hogs, No	9,748	11,399	9,311	6,210
Cattle, No	3,576	2,449	2,052	851
Sheep, No	1,316	979	933	1,256
Hides, lbs	122,536	97,995	146,089	45,270
Highwines, brls	464	329	881	420
Wool, lbs	18,431	182,519	456	
Potatoes, bu	8,455	5,495	975	3,156
Lumber, No. ft	848,300	414,000	1414,185	554,800
Shingles, No	912,000	1180,000	1206,000	781,000
Lath, No	90,000	99,000	68,000	100,000
Salt, brls	16	140	1,116	1,007

Withdrawn from store on yesterday for city consumption: 1,426 bu wheat, 19,932 bu corn, 2,533 bu oats, 710 bu rye, 2,666 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 74 cars wheat, 68 cars corn, 5,800 bu No. 2 do by canal; 15 cars oats, 2 cars rye, 5 cars barley. Total, (164 cars), 70,000 bu. Inspected out, 85,409 bu wheat, 65,291 bu corn, 3,130 bu oats, 2,251 bu rye, 7,691 bu barley.

The decision in the "oats corner" case of P. R. Chandler, operating through the firm of Chandler, Pomeroy & Co., was made known on Change to-day, and was extensively commented upon. The general opinion was that it is a singular decision. It (the decision, not the general opinion) will be found in another column.

The question was raised to-day whether it would not be to the advantage of our commercial interests to have a commercial Judge, who will be familiar with trade, customs, and processes, as well as with the law. It was argued that with such a functionary on the Bench a great deal of bad litigation might be avoided, and a much more direct issue reached in many cases than is now possible.

B. P. Hutchinson returned home to-day from a Southern trip. He made three observations on his return, to wit.: "Business in the South is flat on its back;" "Pork is too high;" and "Let's take a——walk." Pork declined 45c per brl.

A very interesting case has arisen, which will probably bring out a rather extensive discussion in regard to the official duty and responsibility of our State inspection of grain. A lot of 29 cars of corn arrived here from Lodi, Ill., and was inspected as new No. 2. About 20 of the cars were unloaded into the Central Elevator before the consignee could reach them with a protest, and the remaining 9 cars were appealed. It was agreed that 3 of them should be taken as a test case, and those 3 were decided by the Committee on Inspection to be old No. 2. It is claimed that the whole of the corn in those 29 cars was old corn, most, if not all of it, being really of the crop of 1871, and having been very well taken care of since it was gathered. The difference between the price of 20 car-loads of old and new No. 2 corn is about $400, and the question arises, "Who is going to pay that difference?" It is claimed that it should be collected from the Sub-Inspector, he having given bonds for the faithful performance of his duty. But inasmuch as that official has given his bond to the State, the damage could only be collected through the State, and probably *from* the State in the first instance. The great point in which the commercial public is interested is, however, the actual value of an inspection-system, if it can make such a wholesale error as is charged in this case. One would think it to be impossible for one who is killed in grain-inspection to mistake old corn for new, especially on such a large scale. The rights of the case will probably be known in a day or two.

THE MARKETS.

The Chicago produce markets were less active to-day, and most of them were easier, there being a general falling off in interest on the part of buyers, except for one or two articles. The shipping movement by rail is active for the season, but most of the produce now being sent forward would seem to have been owned for some time past by the parties shipping it. Freight-room by rail for about 100,000 bu wheat was reported to have been engaged to-day. The receipts are fair.

Dry goods were active at firmer rates. The extreme low prices now ruling for standard cottons are inducing speculative purchases, and as stocks are by no means large, there is a growing conviction that an upward movement must take place at a not very distant day. Groceries were meeting with a liberal inquiry, and the general market was reported firm. Coffees were being shaded a little, but most other lines were held at very full rates. Sugars were active and strong,—quoted an ⅛c higher. Teas, rice, sirups, molasses, and soaps are firm. In the butter market the changes were unimportant. Weakness is still apparent, but until there is a more decided increase in the receipts, there is not likely to be any very pronounced decline. Cheese continues firm as previously quoted. In the canned goods and dried fruit markets, no new features were developed. Bagging was quiet and steady. Coal, pig iron, and wood were dull. Paints are active and firm. Oils sold freely at fully former prices, quoted at $1.03@1.05 for linseed; at 15@16c for carbon; at 55@56c for turpentine, and at 85c for extra lard.

There was no apparent change in the situation at the lumber yards. A fair number of orders were placed at essentially unchanged prices. On the sale-docks, the offerings were fair and demand moderate. Metals and nails continue to meet with an active interior demand at unaltered prices. Iron and building materials were unchanged. There was no change to note in connection with hops or broom-corn; both markets are extremely dull and weak, though the latter might be selling in a retail way at quotations. The improvement in the demand for hay, announced yesterday, continues, and choice timothy and clover advanced, under light offerings. Wool is selling to Western mills about as fast as it arrives. The magnitude of the business at the present time is, of course, small. There is no inquiry from the East, and prices are relatively higher here than there. Seeds were reported dull, and the tendency of most descriptions appears to be to weakness, with the exception of millet, which is very scarce and consequently firm. The offerings of potatoes continue large and the market is weak, especially for common varieties. Poultry was scarce, except live chickens, and dressed stock advanced. Eggs are in excessive supply and weak.

Highwines were less active, but steady at the advanced price obtained yesterday. Sales were reported of 100 brls at 98c per gallon.

Lake freights were inactive, and nominally unchanged, at 6c on wheat, 8½c on corn, and 4c on oats, by sail to Buffalo, and 10c on wheat to Kingston, with no apparent demand. It now seems probable that the season of navigation will not open much earlier than usual, and may be later than the average. Parties in the trade guess it will be somewhere from April 25 to May 1. Dispatches from the vicinity of the Straits report the weather cold, and the ice solid, with navigation on Lake Huron nearly stopped on account of the formation of new ice.

Provisions were less active and unsettled. Mess pork was not so prominent in the conversation as heretofore, though it continued to lead in the deal, and was again very weak, declining about 45c per brl on the May option, which makes a total drop of a little more than $1.00 in the last three days. The parties who have had control of the pork for some time past have not been forced sellers, as they were yesterday, few others being courageous enough to face the music. Opinions were about equally divided as to the merits of the situation. Some operators insisted to-day that the manipulating parties are only breaking down the market, so as to get a chance to buy in further. Others say that the sponge is already squeezed dry; others that April will be forced to a great advance, and that the longs are now anxious to get rid of the property as soon as possible, one of the inducements being the desire to get rid of the cost of overhauling, which will be necessary next month. They have shipped out liberally to New York recently, where there certainly is no particular demand for the article, and the shipping demand noted by us yesterday is rumored to be from New York parties who are interested in our local deal. Lard was dull and easier, but scarcely 5c per 100 lbs lower, the reason for the relative strength being that it was reported 6d per 112 lbs higher in Liverpool by the latest dispatches of yesterday. It is now 44s 6d. Meats were quiet and nominally firm at previous figures, with very little demand, and only much inferior to be had. The market closed quiet at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller April, $15.90@16.00; do seller May, $15.90@15.95; do seller June, $16.10@16.15; do seller September, $17.00@17.50. Lard, cash or seller April, 9.57½@9.60; do seller May, 9.62½@9.65; do seller June, 9.77½@9.80. Short-ribs pork by the bbl, 9½@10c per lb for 16 lb averages; dry-salted meats, loose, at 5¾@5¾c for shoulders, cash, and 6c seller May; 8.20@8.25 for short ribs, cash, and $8.35@8.40 seller May; $8.60@8.62½ for short clear, cash, and $8.75@8.80 seller May; 8¾c for Cumberlands; 8½@8¾c for long clear. The same boxed at ¼@¾c per lb above these prices. Bacon meats, 6¾c for shoulders, 9¼@9¾c for short ribs, 9¾@9¾c for short clear, all packed in hhds; the same loose, ¼c lower. Bacon hams, 11½@13c. Mess beef, $9.25@10.00; extra mess do, $10.75@11.00; beef hams, $23.00@23.50. Dry tallow, 6½@7c; grease quoted at 4½@5c. Sales were reported of 750 brls mess pork, seller May, at $16.37½; 1,750 brls do at $16.10; 1,500 brls do at $16.00; 3,250 brls do at $15.95; 1,000 brls do at $15.90; 500 brls do, seller June, at $16.30; 500 brls do at $16.20; 750 brls do at $16.15; 500 brls do at $16.10; 100 tcs lard at $9.62½; 1,000 tcs do, seller May, at 9.70; 200 tcs do at $9.67½; 250 tcs do at 9.65; 250 tcs do, seller June, at $9.85; 100 tcs sweet-pickled hams (20 lbs) at 9¾c; 100 tcs do (21 lbs) at 9½c.

Flour was in moderate demand, and reported firm at previous prices; some dealers asking a slight advance early, but not insisting upon it later, when wheat weakened. The demand was chiefly for good to choice shipping grades. The local trade was quiet. Bran was wanted and stronger. Sales were reported of 200 brls spring extras (Minn.) at $6.75; 200 brls do at $5.90; 300 brls do at $5.75; 200 brls do at $5.50; 1,400 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfines at $4.12½; 100 brls rye on private terms. Total, 2,500 brls. Also, 20 tons bran at $20.00; 20 tons do at $18.00, to arrive—all on track; 10 tons do at $20.00, delivered. The following were the quotations at the close:

Fair to good white winters	$ 7.00 @ 8.00
Choice do	8.50 @ 9.25
Red winters	5.50 @ 7.00
Choice spring extras	6.25 @ 6.35
Medium to good do	5.25 @ 5.62½
Good to choice Minnesota	5.75 @ 6.75
Patent do	9.00 @ 10.00
Fair to choice spring, superfine	4.00 @ 4.75
Common do	3.50 @ 3.75
Rye flour	4.90 @ 5.15
Bran	1.800 @ 20.00

Wheat was less active, and irregular at an average decline of ¼c per bu. The market was strengthened last evening by rumors of greater strength in the English markets, which were confirmed this morning, and the local deal was firm throughout till about noon. Then Liverpool was rumored to be lower, and sellers appeared in force. Recent mail-advices from England received here were far from being favorable to strength, but they were not heeded yesterday, as the telegraphic dispatches were of the opposite tenor. To-day the news was remembered, and its influence felt. There was little speculative demand as compared with that of a few days past, and cash wheat was decidedly slow. The outward movement is, however, extraordinarily active for the season, the shipments being nearly double the receipts for two days past. The expectation of a very early opening of the season of navigation probably induced liberal sales for delivery on the seaboard this month, and it is now being forwarded by rail, as there is now little prospect that the Straits will be open before the 25th inst. Seller May opened at $1.26¾, advanced to $1.26⅝, declined to $1.25⅝, and closed at $1.25¾. Seller June sold at $1.26¼@1.27⅛. Seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring, sold at $1.21⅜@1.23, closing at $1.21⅝. Strictly fresh receipts of do closed at $1.24. On 20 storage No. 1 spring closed at $1.23, No. 3 do at $1.18½, and rejected do at $1.10. Northwestern No. 2 commanded a premium of ¾c, and do No. 1 was nominal at 1c over straight. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 1 spring at $1.28; 6,000 bu No. 2 spring, strictly fresh, at $1.24½; 1,600 bu do at $1.24; 2,000 bu do at $1.23⅜; 10,000 bu do, regular, at $1.22; 15,000 bu do at $1.21½; 25,000 bu do at $1.21¾; 5,000 bu No. 2 Northwestern, regular, at $1.22½; 6,800 bu do at $1.22¼; 800 bu No. 3 spring, strictly fresh, at $1.18⅝; 6,800 bu do at $1.18½; 400 bu do, winter receipts, at $1.16½; 2,000 bu rejected spring at $1.10; 400 bu by sample at $1.31¾, delivered. Total, 82,600 bu.

Corn was quiet, but averaged ¼@½c higher. Liverpool was reported firmer, and New York was steady, with a fair demand, while our receipts were again smaller than had been expected, being nearly equalled by the sum of the shipments and the city consumption. These things made holders firm in their views, and but little was offered to meet the rather spare demand. The inquiry for shipment was only fair, and the option trading seemed to be transacted chiefly by local operators on their own account. Seller May opened at 65c, advanced to 65⅝c, and receded to 65¼c at the close. Seller June sold at 65¼@65½c. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 61⅛@61¾c, closing at 62¾c. Strictly fresh receipts of do closed at 64½c. New No. 2 closed at 60¾c, old rejected at 60½c, and new do at 58¼c. High mixed commanded a premium of about ½c over No. 2. The word "new" will be dropped from the inspection of corn on the 20th—a week from Monday next. Cash sales were reported of 1,600 bu high mixed at 64½c; 9,200 bu No. 2 at 64c; 4,400 bu do, strictly fresh, old, at 64c; 4,800 bu do at 63½c; 8,400 bu do at 63⅝c; 4,800 bu do at 63¼c; 2,400 bu do at 60¾c; 400 bu rejected, old, at 60⅝c; 400 bu do at 60½c; 4,000 bu do, new, at 58¾c; 6,000 bu by sample, new No. 2, at 62c afloat; 1,600 bu do at 62c free on board. Total, 67,400 bu.

Oats were dull and unchanged. The day was one of the slowest in the option department that has been known for some time, only two or three trades being made, at 46⅜c seller May, and 47c seller June. Seller the month was nominal, and regular No. 2 quiet, at 42¾c. Strictly fresh receipts closed at 45¾c for No. 2, and 42¾c for rejected. Cash sales were reported of 3,000 bu No. 2, strictly fresh, at 45¾c; 1,200 bu do, fresh, at 45c; 1,200 bu do, regular, at 42¾c; 600 bu rejected, fresh, at 42½c; 600 bu by sample (choice white) at 49c; 600 bu do (mixed) at 48¼c; 600 bu do (dirty) at 46c. Total, 7,800 bu.

Rye was quiet and unchanged. There was no regular No. 2 on the market, and is very little in store; it was nominal at 90c. Strictly fresh No. 2 closed at 92c. Sales were limited to 800 bu No. 2 at 92c; and 400 bu, by sample, at 95c on track.

Barley was quiet, and unchanged on the lower grades, while the feeling was somewhat firmer in No. 2, which was in some speculative request. It sold at $1.62 seller May, for a round lot, and at $1.65 for a single car-load. Cash No. 2 was quoted at $1.60 for regular, to $1.62 in Northwestern. No. 3 was nominal at $1.35@1.38; and rejected nearly so at $1.18@1.20. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 2, regular, at $1.60; 400 bu rejected at $1.20; 800 bu, by sample (California), at $1.82; 400 bu do, choice, at $1.72; 500 bu do at $1.38, all on track; 400 bu do at $1.45, delivered; 1,600 bu do (inspected No. 3) at $1.35, free on board. Total, 4,900 bu.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

The following advices were received on 'Change to-day, in addition to those given in our telegraphic columns:

LONDON, April 9.—Cargoes off coast, wheat and corn upward tendency. Cargoes on passage, wheat and corn upward tendency. Good cargoes spring wheat, off coast, 57@58s.

PROVISIONS IN LIVERPOOL.

The following were the receipts of provisions at Liverpool for the week ending March 13, and since October 1, 1873, as compared with those of the previous season:

	1874. Week March 13.	1873. Since Oct. 1.	Same time 1872-3.
Beef, tcs	1,231	34,289	12,919
Pork, brls	7,807	243,230	173,234
Bacon, boxes	1,595	16,234	10,650
Hams, boxes	1,595	16,234	10,650
Lard, tons	948	7,193	8,892
Cheese, boxes	10,556	424,304	209,235
Butter, packages		88,220	110,800

SALT.

The Bay City *Chronicle* states that quite a number of blocks in that vicinity which have been idle for the winter have started up within a few days past, and others are preparing to follow. The stocks on hand are limited, and the several lake ports which afford a market for the principal part of the Saginaw salt there are now only fair stocks. In Chicago there is a large stock of Onondaga, and there are about 100,000 barrels of this salt which have been held over at the works. The stock on hand of the Ohio River Salt Company is reported to be very light. The demand is also small, but several purchases have recently been made for Chicago and Cleveland at $1.25@1.30. Freights to this city are 15c, at which rate several charters have been made. The paper adds:

A prominent Saginaw County manufacturer said to a *Chronicle* reporter yesterday that in his opinion the business of this year would settle the question of the salt-supply of the West; that he did not care to see salt go above $1.35 this season, at which figure the Saginaw salt would keep the Canada product out of the market, while the Syracuse manufacturers could not do a profitable business in the West at that rate. It is unquestionable that the demand for Saginaw salt will be materially better this year, and the manufacturer above quoted thinks the present season will virtually decide the question.

OUR TRADE IN "NORTHWESTERN" WHEAT.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

Permit me through your columns to give utterance to a few ideas regarding the grain-trade, or rather the diversion of the trade from this, the great grain-market of the world. If "in union there is strength," and our experience for the past few years seems to teach it, why should it not in other times be sought to effect a union of interests, and prevent a further diversion of that trade which has made us what we are, on which we must depend for our future, and which, owing more largely to a bad reputation and misunderstanding than to any existing facts, is rapidly seeking other markets.

The crop of wheat in Minnesota last year amounted to about 28,000,000 bushels, and a very carefully-prepared statement recently made by the Board of Trade shows about 6,000,000 bushels of the same yet to be marketed. This grain is nearly all of uniform variety and quality, and is sought after eagerly by Eastern millers and grain-men, who are willing to pay a premium for it "*straight*" over the price of the average grade of spring wheat raised in the Northwest.

From almost all parts of the State of Minnesota, this wheat can be laid down in Chicago and Milwaukee *at equal rates of freight*, and, owing to their larger facilities with Chicago, Minnesota merchants and bankers generally throughout the State prefer to have it come to our market, while, with grain-shippers, it is about six of one and half-a-dozen of the other. These I know to be facts from a recent tour throughout a large portion of the State.

Our freights East by rail through the past winter have been less (I think about 5 cents per 100 pounds) than from Milwaukee, owing to which we have been able to pay fully as much and sometimes a fraction more for wheat than Milwaukee; hence a larger accumulation here. But after the opening of navigation freights East will be the same from both points, and yet, *to-day*, Milwaukee is paying from 2 to 3c per bushel more than we are able to pay (I speak as a "receiving commission merchant") for the same quality and same grade of Minnesota wheat in our market. Of course, if this continues throughout the season, our receipts must be light and our "shorts" may whistle to fill their sales.

Now, what I wish, is to show that *this is altogether without reason*, and simply the result of an improper course on our part, *in the past*, in handling this grain, and a want of understanding by Eastern millers and grain "operators of recent arrangements perfected here, by which two elevators (the "Northwestern," and "Fulton," the latter recently completed,) have been set apart for the exclusive handling of that wheat which is being graded "Northwestern Nos. 1 and 2," and we have every assurance that this wheat will be handled entirely *separate* from all other coming to the market, and altogether on its merits.

It is now about time that our railroad, elevator, and commission men should stop *publishing* each other to the world as thieves, scoundrels, liars, &c., and begin to *work together honestly*, for the purpose of getting back and retaining so important a branch of our trade.

While we have been fighting among ourselves, those interested in the Milwaukee market have been *pulling together*, pocketing the profits, and chuckling in their boots at our stupid, suicidal course.

Let our "Eastern commission men," then, go to work, acquainting their correspondents East with the facts *as they are*, and it will certainly not be long before they will enjoy a full share of the orders which they formerly had for this grade of wheat, and our market will be at least on a par with Milwaukee in price's.

If this wheat be handled honestly and on its merits it will be a *straighter* grade of "Minnesota wheat" than can now be obtained in Milwaukee; for every one who has trade in Iowa knows that that market is *now bidding handsomely* for the wheat on roads in Northern and C entral Iowa (Dubuque & Sioux City extension of the Illinois Central for instance) in *that* they are grading that wheat the same as, and mixing it with, "Minnesota wheat;" shippers on those roads thereby obtaining the same inspection and price in Milwaukee, or two or three cents more than in Chicago.

CHICAGO COMMISSION MERCHANT.

LATEST.

What was quiet and closed the same as on 'Change. Seller May sold at $1.25¾@1.25⅞, closing at $1.25¾. Corn was quiet and steady at 65⅜c for May; seller June quotable at 65¼c.

CALL BOARD.

Provisions were moderately active. Pork was a shade firmer and lard easier. Meats were unchanged. Mess pork, cash and seller the month, closed at $15.80@15.85; seller May, $15.93¾@15.97½; seller June, $16.05@16.20. Lard, cash or seller the month, 9.55½@9.60; seller May, 9.55½@9.60; seller June, 9.67½@9.72½. Short ribs, cash or seller the month, offered at 8.20; seller May, 8.15@8.35. Shoulders, cash or seller the month, offered at 5¾@5¾c. Sales were 500 brls mess pork, seller May, at $15.95; 500 brls do at $15.97½; 300 tcs lard, seller May, at 9.57½; 100,000 lbs short ribs, cash, at 8¼c; 50,000 lbs shoulders, seller May, at 5.80.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 9.

ALCOHOL—Was steady at $1.86@1.91 for 94 per cent proof.

BEANS—Were quiet and unchanged: Navies, hand-picked per bu, $2.50@2.60; mediums, do, $1.90@2.00 in bris.

BUTTER—The changes in this market were unimportant. There was a moderate shipping and a fair local demand under which previous quotations were very well sustained, though the prevalent feeling was weak. We quote: Choice to fancy yellow, 35@40c; medium to good grades, 32@34c; inferior to common, 28@30c; common to choice roll, 26@32c.

BAGGING—Prices range the same as for a number of days past, and may be quoted steady and firm. Stark, 34c; Lindlow A, 33c; Lewiston A, 32c; American A, 29c; Amoskeag, 31c;

RESTORING THE RECORDS.

The State's Attorney's Proceedings Dismissed for Informality.

The following decision as to the manner in which maps or plats which were destroyed in the great fire are to be restored under the Burnt Records act will be of interest. An omnibus suit was commenced in December last by State's Attorney Reed, under which it was proposed to restore all maps. Judge Tree, however, after consultation with all the other Judges of the Circuit Court, rendered an elaborate opinion yesterday, deciding against the legality of the proposed method, and dismissing the suit at the cost of Cook County. We publish the opinion in full as follows:

This is a proceeding under the act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act to remedy the evils consequent upon the destruction of any public records by fire or otherwise," approved April 9, 1872.

The fourth section of the act provides that whenever the public record of any plat or map which is required by law to be kept by the Recorder of Deeds, has been, or may hereafter be, injured or destroyed by fire or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of the county in which such loss has occurred, to file information in the Circuit Court, in the name of the people, setting forth the fact of such injury or loss, with the circumstances attending the same, and thereupon the Clerk of the Court shall cause such information to be published in full in one or more public newspapers published in the county for the period of four weeks, together with a notice, addressed to "all whom it may concern," that the Court will, at a term therein designated, to be held not less than four weeks from the first publication of such information and notice, proceed to hear and determine the matters in said information set forth, and will take testimony for the purpose of reproducing and re-establishing such records of maps and plats as the Court shall find to be injured or destroyed.

Upon such publication being made, all persons interested shall be deemed defendants, and may appear in person or by counsel, and be heard touching said proceedings. That if the Court shall be satisfied that any public record of maps and plats has been injured or destroyed, an order to that effect shall be entered of record, and thereupon the Court shall proceed to take testimony for the purpose of re-establishing the record destroyed. The proceeding may be continued from time to time, whether in term or not, and orders and decrees shall be made as to each map or plat separately.

That the Clerk shall cause all maps and plats adjudged by the Court to be correct copies of the records injured or destroyed, as often and as soon as they are adjudged, to be filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, with a certified copy of the order or judgment of the Court in the premises attached thereto, and recorded in a book provided for that purpose, and the record shall be deemed and taken in all courts and places as a public record, and as a true and correct reproduction of the original record injured and destroyed.

In pursuance of this act, the State's Attorney filed an information in this Court on the 13th day of December, 1873, setting forth that on the 9th day of October, 1871, there were on record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Cook County divers maps and plats relating to certain real estate situated in said county, which said 9th day of October all of said records of said maps and plats were destroyed by fire, and that the number and description of said maps and plats are unknown to the informant, wherefore he cannot more particularly describe and set forth the same.

Every person who is the owner of any lot, block, tract, or parcel of land, the same or any part of which is described in the map or plat of which the record was destroyed by the fire of 1871, is a party defendant to this proceeding, and is required to appear and plead, answer or demur to the information filed herein on or before the first day of the next term of this Court, which will be held at the City Hall, in the City of Chicago, in said county, on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1874, which will be the 6th day of said month.

We are satisfied, after a careful consideration of the statute, that both the information and notice are insufficient to authorize the entry of the order for the reproduction of any lost or destroyed plat thereof.

The information fails to describe any particular map or maps relative to which testimony is to be taken with a view of re-establishing the same, and the notice is equally violent in this respect. It is to be the statement that the number and description of the maps destroyed and which he seeks to restore are unknown to the informant, but we do not regard this averment as furnishing a sufficient excuse for the failure to allege the specific maps intended to be restored. The statute already contemplates that all persons interested in the map to be restored shall, so far as possible, be notified of the proceeding, in order that they may, if they deem it proper, appear at its taking of testimony and the hearing of the application. Four weeks' notice in a daily newspaper is required, but of what use is such notice if no particular maps are described in the information published with the notice?

The application must also be made at the term specified in the notice. In this case, while the notice was to in January term, the application to prove the map in question was made until the February term.

We are also of opinion that the proofs of the map or maps destroyed should be taken down in the form of depositions before a Master in Chancery or other proper officer, in order that they may be preserved of record, and in all cases under the fourth section of the act, we shall hereafter require such proofs.

In these conclusions all of the members of this Court concur.

The application in this case is therefore dismissed.

EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: There is no measure contemplated by the present Congress that so interests soldiers as the Equalization bill. The following dispatch appeared in all the papers of the country at the time, but the bill alluded to has not passed yet:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Senate Military Committee agreed to report a bill, to be hereafter framed, for the equalization of bounties. It will be on the basis of the bill introduced by Senator Caldwell last year, which agreed to give a uniform bounty of $3,33½ per month to each man who served for a period of any term, either in the regular or volunteer service, between April 15, 1861, and April 15, 1867,—bounty-payments already made to be deducted; and the benefits of the above provision to be extended also to widows and other of deceased soldiers.

It is sincerely hoped that the bill will be put on its passage at once, and a test-vote taken, that we may know who are for us and who against us. Former bounty laws required two full years of service, and that cut out more than half our army and navy from getting any bounty whatever. These feel aggrieved, and nothing can satisfy them but the passage of a law that makes all soldiers share and share alike in the bounty of the Government. I know the soldiers will thank you to make room for this brief article. X.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—2 HORSES, 2 WAGONS, 2 buggies, 5 single-harness, 1 standing-desk, 1 light silver-plated show-case, 1 set 250-pound scales. 264 W. Lake-st.

FOR SALE—2 OR 4 GOOD WORK AND DRIVING horses, cheap; 2-horse truck, $75; express wagon, $80; spring wagon, $80. 46 West Monroe-st.

FOR SALE—OR LOAD GOOD CHEAP DRIVERS, suitable for Lake-st., and 75 Canal-st. Apply at 46 West Monroe-st.

FOR SALE—OR TRADE FOR NEW TOP-BUGGY or lumber wagon—An almost new square-box top-buggy harness, and robes. Address A 66, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—A LARGE PAIR OF HANDSOME BAY carriage horses, both 17 hands high, weight together about 2,800 pounds, well broke together and safe for ladies to drive; also a handsome harness. Inquire at the rear of 69 West Washington-st.

FOR SALE—$275 WILL BUY A GOOD HORSE, harness, and top buggy, at No. 19 East Madison-st., Room 1.

FOR SALE—A FINE BLOODED MARE, A STEPper, 5 years old. Call from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., or from 4 to 6 p. m. CHAS. GARDNER, 94 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—SPAN MULES, 8 YEARS OLD, WEIGH 2,800 pounds, sound and gentle. Address O. B. EASTON, Lockport, Ill.

WANTED—A CHEAP DRAUGHT HORSE OR mare, and give silver watch in part payment. Address W. WEBB, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—GOOD HORSE AND BUGGY, WILL trade some of the best growing lots in this city. W. LORING, 200 LaSalle-st.

WANTED—A HORSE AND BUGGY OR "DEMO-rat" cash; will buy either. WM. JONES, 161 East Kinzie-st.

MACHINERY.

A FULL STOCK OF PLANING-MILL AND SASH door machinery. KIRKWOOD & DUNKLEE, 111 and 113 Lake-st.

BRICK MACHINES WANTED—PARTIES HAVING second-hand brick machines for sale that are reliable please address CHADWICK & PRICE, Waterloo, Ill.

C. A. RICE & CO., MACHINERY AND SUPPLY Depot, 215 and 217 East Lake-st.

ENGINE LATHES, IRON PLANERS, DRILLS, AND a full variety of machinists' tools. KIRKWOOD & DUNKLEE, 111 and 113 Lake-st.

WE HAVE ON HAND A LARGE STOCK OF stationary engines and boilers, 2 gang and mitch-saws, and blind machinery, engine lathes, iron drills, chucks, steam pumps, the Universal pipe-cutting and rubber belting, iron and wood working and machinery supplies, at WORTHEN MACHINERY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 58 and 60 South Canal-st., Chicago.

STEAM ENGINES, STEAM PUMPS, RUBBER and leather belting, hose packing, and general supplies. KIRKWOOD & DUNKLEE, 111 and 113 Lake-st.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

BARGAINS IN FURNITURE; MUST BE SOLD; A walnut and Terry parlor suit, regular price $175, for $125; elegant divan, covered in crimson Terry, for $15; rocker will go single, and not afraid to case; 4 ½ Chamber suits; 2 double harness. Inquire at the rear of 69 West Washington-st.

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—MARBLE-FRONT ON MICHIGAN-av., near Thirteenth-st., 25 feet, at a great bargain. Elegant new marble-fronts on Calumet-av., north of Twenty-second-st., east front, overlooking lake. Easy terms. $20,000.

Two neat frame houses on Indiana-av., near Thirty-second-st., $6,000. Easy terms.

One of the choicest building sites on Superior-st., 50x 165, with foundation ready for building, and plans. $16,000.

Choice corner on Wabash-av. and Thirty-sixth-st., $15,750.

Fine building lots at Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, Woodlawn, and choice corner, Seventy-fifth-st. and Stony Island boulevard. Grand Crossing. ULRICH & BOND, 87 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—ELEGANT MARBLE-FRONT ON WAbash-av.; price, $14,000. Very liberal terms.

For sale or exchange, for suburban property and $2,000 in money, a fine residences, in first-class location on West Side.

Lots For Sale or Exchange—Lots in South Englewood for Western lands, or other property.

House on leased ground for cottage and lot; will pay difference in money. C. J. SHIELDS, 93 Clark-st., Room 19.

FOR SALE—VERY CHEAP—INDIANA-ST., NEAR Oakley; 2 lots, $300 each, easy terms. Taylor-st., near Leavitt, 1 lot, $1,600, ½ cash. Twelfth-st., near Douglas Park, 1 lot, $750, ¼ cash. Drexel-av., 4 lots near Fifty-fifth-st., $1,800 each; very easy terms. Cottage and lot, Butterfield-st., $1,300; $400 less than value. Cottage and lot, West Washington-st., $2,500; only $600 down, balance your own time. Cottage and lot, Shotwell-st., $3,500; $600 down, balance easy. Cottage and lot at Maywood, $3,500; ¼ down, balance to suit. R. KENNEDY, 145 Clark-st., Room 28.

FOR SALE—SOUTH SIDE RESIDENCE LOTS, on Oakwood Boulevard. The lots on this beautiful thoroughfare at low prices and on very easy terms. Oakwood Boulevard lies just outside of South City Limits, is 80 feet wide, and is to have the advantages of water, gas, and sewerage this season. Please call for a plat of this choice, cheap, and elegant property. For investment, or improvement, no property so certain of very large increase. The most liberal encouragement will be given to all desiring to build. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—NEAR JEFFERSON PARK, A NEW 8 brick-house of 10 rooms, bath-room, marble-mantels, furnace; everything complete, possession at once. Will sell less than its value. Small payment, easy terms. Inquire in store 172 Madison-st.

FOR SALE—HOUSES AND LOTS AT CENTRAL Park and vicinity; a few special bargains in lots near the boulevard for all cash. S. W. KROFF, 145 LaSalle-st., Room 14.

FOR SALE—40 FEET ON CANAL-ST., NEAR Polk; must be sold. MEAD & COE, 152 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—86 PARK-AV., NEAR WOOD-ST.—2 Two-story frame, 10 rooms, with all modern improvements; will rent if not sold by the 15th. MEAD & COE, 152 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—THE NEW FIRST-CLASS HOUSES, 15 Centre-av., near Adams-st.; will be completed June 1. MEAD & COE, 152 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—LOT 22 8-10x120 FEET on north side of Grand-place, 150 feet east of Hariburt-st., near Lincoln Park; free of incumbrance. Value, $50 per foot. Will exchange, and assign mortgage for over $1,200 on improved city or suburban property. HART, ALASTER & CO., 179 South Water-st.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—LOTS ON WESTern-av., Lexington, Polk, Taylor, and Campbell-av. Parties wishing to build, 24 money required down. Might furnish a mortgage to parties if required. Inquire at 135 South Water-st., in bank.

FOR SALE—3 LOTS ON WEST HARRISON-ST., between Aberdeen and Sheldon; long time and low price; also, a number of lots on Aberdeen and Sheldon-sts. only $60 per foot. KERR, DAVISON & WELCH, 142 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—MONROE-ST., 25X120 FEET, 100 FEET west of Perkins-st.; will be sold cheap on easy terms. J. BLAKE, 127 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—3-STORY AND BASEMENT MARBLE-front house, with brick barn, No. 887 Indiana-av., $14,000, on easy terms. Furniture will be sold with the house, if desired. Apply to CHAS. J. JENKS, corner West Twenty-second and Stark-sts.

FOR SALE—AT A GREAT BARGAIN IN MONTHly payments, 5 new cottages located on Polk and Taylor-sts. near Western-av. Inquire at No. 135 South Clark-st., in bank.

FOR SALE—AT A GREAT BARGAIN—A LOT 80x165 to alley, very near Fairview Station; no payment down required; balance on long time to one who will build; near horse and steam cars. Inquire of ULRICH & BOND, 87 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—COTTAGES—NEAR BLUE ISLAND-av. and Twenty-second-st., on monthly payments; low price. HENRY WALLER, JR., 78 Washington-st., Room 4.

FOR SALE—80 FEET NORTHWEST CORNER OF Wabash-av. and Thirty-sixth-st., very cheap. Apply to the owner, ALFRED JAMES, southwest corner Madison and Clark-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—STORE AND LOT, NO. 111 West Van Buren-st. Inquire at 89 South Water-st.

FOR SALE—LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!—NEW house, No. 25 Union-av.; will sell below cost; 9 rooms, 5 closets, gas, brick cellar, 24x32 feet, south front. Apply at 562 Cottage Grove-av.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—A NEW COTTAGE and lot on Erie-st., near Robey, at a bargain. S. M. MILLARD, 135 Clark-st., Room 5.

FOR SALE—ON MONTHLY PAYMENTS, WITH a small amount down, several 2-story brick houses and lot, finished for two families; water on both floors; very comfortable house; well finished; price, $3,300. This is a good bargain, and healthy part of the West Side. Apply to M. HAAS, after 10 a. m., Room 14, 163 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—3 FIRST-CLASS HOUSES ON FULton-st., No. 91, 93, and 95, with lots 24x80 feet, water and sewer; prices $4,500 and $5,000; nearly now. Apply to owner on premises.

FOR SALE—CORNER FULTON AND OAKLEY. $4,500. Inside lot, 24x80, on corner on Fulton-st. Apply at 234 Fulton-st., next houses adjoining.

FOR SALE—TWO HIGH FIRST-CLASS NEW HOUSES ON Oak-av.; brick, on octagon front, 12 rooms; easy terms. E. LOEB, 135 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—A FINE 2½-STORY DWELLING House, with good lot, on Langley-av. and Forty-second-st., $3,800; very cheap. LINGLE & DARLOW, 125 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—AND IN EXCHANGE—IMPROVED AND vacant business and residence property in all parts of city and suburbs. CANFIELD & MATTESON, 60 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—BY MOREY & MAGILL, 77 SOUTH Clark-st., at a decided bargain for a few days, a two-story and basement house, with modern conveniences, on Paulina-st.

FOR SALE—WABASH-AV., 80X132 FT., ON WAbash-av., between Thirty-second-st. and Thirty-third-sts., only $100 per foot; 6 years' time; 7 per cent interest. Title perfect. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—MICHIGAN-AV., NEAR THIRTY-second-st., 84x165 feet, $250 per foot. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—LOTS ON LEAVITT AND OAKLEY-sts.; no money down; balance monthly. Lots near Douglas Park, $400. CUSHING & BILLINGS, 199 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—LOT ON WESTERN-AV., NORTH OF W. Jackson, east front, on easy terms. $700. Or part for corner Lincoln and Washington-sts. Also, lot 25x125, on Adams-st., 237 West Adams-st. Also, lot on Adams-st. CHARLES H. COLE & CO., 79 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—ON WEST ADAMS-ST., ONLY ONE more of those desirable three-story and basement cottage brick front houses with all modern conveniences; lot 20x120 feet. Price only $7,500. Apply at 241 West Adams-st., or to HARTWELL, 642 Adams-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS ON MONROE AND WILCOX-sts. and at Austin. Small cash payments and long time, or will take a buggy as part payment. ROWE & HOLTON, Real Estate Agents, 154 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—A FIRST-CLASS marble front two-story and basement house (new) with lot on Prairie-av.; would take unimproved property in North Division as part payment. ROWE & HOLTON, Real Estate Agents, 154 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—BARGAIN—FIRST-CLASS, JEFFERson-Park front, two-story and basement, pressed brick residence, with Mansard roof and basement; 14 rooms, and modern improvements, on one of the best streets in the city, convenient to cars and omnibus lines. Terms, $4,500 cash; easy terms on part. Open for inspection at any time. J. W. BOYDEN, 19 Major Block, 58 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—CHOICE RESIDENCE 87½ Washington-st., south front, with or without furniture. Apply to Owner, on premises.

FOR SALE—A FINE 2-STORY AND BASEMENT, marble-front dwelling, good locality, handy to business portion of Chicago; elegant furniture; will sell furnished or unfurnished as a bargain. Call at 241 Fifth-av. Call or address the owner. M. B. GARD, 15 North Clinton-st.

FOR SALE—$25 PER FOOT—47X125 FOOT LOT, south front, on Van Buren-st., between Honore and Lincoln-sts. Why rent a home when this lot can be offered? This will not be offered after this week? It is $25 per foot, less than actual value. T. B. BOYD, Room 14, 152 Madison-st.

FOR SALE—ON HONORE-ST., NEAR MADISON—A Fine cottage; 8 rooms and bath-room, and lot. J. H. KELLEY, 145 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—5 YEARS' TIME, 8 PER CENT.—Chelsea Hyde Park property, near South Parks; also, lots near car-shops. J. H. KELLEY, 45 Bryan Block.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE IN PART—STONEfront house, 8 stories and basement, 14 rooms, with brick barn. Corner of South Park-av. and Forty-fifth-st. Apply on premises. E. W. PATTERSON.

FOR SALE—OR WILL TRADE FOR UNIMproved property or lots inside city limits: Ten houses and lots worth $5,500 to $8,000 each; also, business property to exchange for acre property. Inquire of MALLERS & TUNDY, 100 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT IN PERFECT order, very desirable part of West Division; terms, $2,500 cash, and balance long time, or exchange for suburban property. Address or call on C. R. BLACK-LEE, 61 Winchester-av.

FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—FOR $1,800; A NEW 2-story house and lot, 8 rooms, water up and down stairs; lots rented for $27 per month; between Division-st. and North-av., a few blocks from Clybourn-av. Horse cars from street-cars; title perfect. Inquire Room 50, Reaper Block, corner Clark and Washington-sts.

FOR SALE—$3,800—COTTAGE AND LOT; HAS 7 rooms, all in good order, and is convenient to cars and street-cars. Want a little cash very soon. Inquire at 115 North Lincoln-st.

FOR SALE—IN THE HANDSOME SUBURB OF Riverside, 35 minutes' ride from the city, a nice house of 9 or 10 rooms, gas, hot and cold water, furnace, and other modern improvements in, 100-foot lot, beautifully located. Will be sold at a bargain. Address A 66, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—GOOD HOUSES AND LOTS ON JACKson and Adams-sts., west of California-av., 6 to 9 rooms, sewer, hydrants all in. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—BY OWNER, ON THIRTY-FIFTH-ST. NEAR Vernon-av., just east of Boulevard entrance, 2-story and basement, with sub-basement, 10 rooms. All modern improvements. $3,500 and $4,000. $1,000 cash.

FOR SALE—IMMEDIATE POSSESSION—DESIRable 2-story frame-house and 10 feet, 128 South Leavitt-st., 9 rooms, bath, finish and location cheap. Apply at 130 South Leavitt-st.

FOR SALE—PARK-AV., ON MONTHLY PAYments. We are building an 7-room cottages on Park-av., just east of Central Park, which we will sell on very favorable terms. These houses are built in the most substantial manner, and will be ready for occupancy May 1. Call and examine plans at our office. H. O. STONE, Room 3, 186 East Madison-st.

FOR SALE—NO. 218 WALNUT-st., 7 rooms, 4 bedrooms, and four closets; gas and water; lot 24x72; price $3,150. Inquire of GEORGE A. TREYSER, on the premises, or at 120 Lake-st.

FOR RENT.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—A SPLENDID WALnut bank counter and 6 shelves, nearly new, suitable for insurance or other business office. Also 2 cast-iron clear-proof safes. J. H. KELLEY & CO., 145 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—RAILROAD TICKETS TO ALL points in the country. To St. Louis, $3 off; Omaha, $5 off; Kansas City, $5 off; Denver, $5 off; bought, sold, and exchanged. C. F. CHAPIN, 95 Clark-st., basement.

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FOR SALE—AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT things to be considered in selecting a suburban home, are economy and safety. Our northern and southern suburbs have fine, lake, prospects, and the soil of the former is sterile clay, and of the latter pure sand. Away from the lake the soil is good, but of course there is little. Not more than three-fourths of the tract we offer is high, and gives those two desirable characteristics. Beautiful river views, elevated building sites, and wood lawn, center them both upon River Park. The proprietors have adopted a novel plan of selling lots, which consists in publishing a list of the prices of all the lots, together with a fine lithographed plat of the town, which are mailed to all applicants free of cost. The prices indicated are discounted one-fourth to buyers who agree to build within a year from date of sale, and terms of payment are made to suit purchasers. SAYLES & WALKER, proprietors, 120 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—8,000 FEET AT MONTROSE, FOUR blocks from Lycoming Station, and near crossing of Chicago & N. W. R. R.

1,000 feet at Jefferson, six blocks from station.

2,000 at Norwood, four blocks from station, and near crossing of Chicago & N. W. R. R.

1,320 feet at Forest-first-st. and Western-av.

Will sell lower than adjoining prices, on easy terms, and liberal release privileges.

Also, 20 or 40 acres at Irving Park, at a great bargain for cash. REA & COATES, 168 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP HOUSE ON EVANS-AV., near Forty-fifth-st. and Cottage Grove-av. cars; good corner; $2,000; easy payments.

New 2-story frame houses near depot at Hyde Park, with 5 rooms, modern improvements, and brick barn, 1046 Michigan-av.; the 2-story and basement house 1027 Michigan-av., 10 rooms, $800. D. G. HAMILTON, 188 Fremont-st.

TO RENT—MARBLE FRONT HOUSE, NO. 217 South Sangamon-st.; all modern improvements. A part or all of the furniture can be purchased on liberal terms and low prices, or will be rented without purchase of furniture. Apply at 221 same block or at 184 Adams-st., corner Fifth-av. H. H. SHUFELDT.

TO RENT—FINE HOUSES—THREE NEW ONES, corner of Washington-av. and Ann-st., $30 each. Two old ones, $25 each. Inquire of the owner, 974 Washington-av., corner of Lincoln-st.

TO RENT—PART OF A FIRST-CLASS FURnished residence, 1028 Wabash-av., to a lady who will board owners.

TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSE, NO. 111 SOUTH Ada-st., from May 1. Is 2½-story brick with basement. All modern improvements. Inquire next door.

TO RENT—CHEAP—NOS. 315, 315, AND 317 NORTH State-st., two-story and basements, brick, with all modern improvements, containing ten rooms each, with yards. Plans and drawings of the same can be seen at my office. ELLIOTT ANTHONY, No. 77 Dearborn-st.

TO RENT—THE FIVE NEW STONE-FRONT TWO-story and basement dwellings on Prairie-av., corner Thirty-second-st. These houses are unusually well-built, contain furnaces, marble mantels, hot and cold water, bath-tubs, water-closets, coal-vaults, laundry-tubs, and every modern improvement. Rent $70 to desirable parties. M. C. BALDWIN & CO., 61 and 63 LaSalle-st., Room 24.

TO RENT—116 SOUTH MORGAN-ST., BRICK house, 10 rooms, modern improvements, pleasant location; also, stable. Apply on the corner next south.

TO RENT—2-STORY AND BASEMENT HOUSE on South Park-av., between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth-sts. Inquire of J. LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, WITH 6 rooms, 144 West Jackson-st. Inquire of THOMAS HOOD, 58 Oriental Building, 122 LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING, 2 Lexington-st., $25. W. O. COLE, Room 1 Methodist Church Block.

TO RENT—6-ROOM COTTAGE IN THE GROVE ON Noble-av., 2 blocks north from North Side city limits horse cars' stopping. Apply at 135 South Clark-st., Room 11.

TO RENT—OR FOR SALE, 8 BRICK HOUSES, Adams-st., corner Seeley-av.; rent, $30 per month. A. LOVEROCK WELL, 66 LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—1091 INDIANA-AV., BETWEEN TWENty-first and Twenty-second-sts., very cheap, to a good tenant who will buy $2,500 worth of furniture for $1,600 cash; none but those desiring to purchase furniture need apply. W. H. RICE & CO., Room 1 McCormick Block.

TO RENT—THE FINE RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 14 Vincennes-av.; 14 rooms; modern conveniences; fine barn. MONTGOMERY & WATERMAN, 99 LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—A GOOD LARGE COTTAGE OF EIGHT rooms at 198 Carpenter-st. Inquire within. Possession given when desired.

TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSE NO. 1417 PRAIRIE-av.; convenient to omnibus and horse cars, for $40 a month. Inquire at house 1411 Prairie-av.

TO RENT—ONE FRAME AND TWO BRICK houses on the northeast corner of Throop and Van Buren-sts., in Throop's addition. Inquire of J. R. FOWLER, opposite depot, Evanston, Ill.

TO RENT—NEW COTTAGE, IRVING-PLACE, just south of Polk-st., near Leavitt-st.; omnibus from State runs near. Apply at 616 West Monroe-st.

TO RENT—FROM MAY 1, FLAT OVER STORE 242 West Madison-st.; also house in rear. Inquire below.

TO RENT—DWELLING NOS. 758 AND 760 WEST Madison-st.; 7 pleasant rooms, inside blinds, water, etc., from May 1. S. M. MOORE & CUMMINGS, 119 and 121 LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—A BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE OF SIX rooms; Peoria-st., near Adams. Call at 145 South Clark-st., Room 19.

TO RENT—WE HAVE A LARGE LIST OF FIRSTclass houses over the West Division, at different prices. D. COLE & SON, 188 West Madison-st.

TO RENT—CHEAP, HOUSE 571 WABASH-AV. Inquire of J. HENRY & JACOB WELL, 144 and 146 Dearborn-st.

TO RENT—THE 2-STORY AND BASEMENT MARble-front houses No. 476 and 472 Wabash-av. Apply to O. LUNT, Room 8, Methodist Church Block.

TO RENT—AND FURNITURE FOR SALE, well-built house; furniture of 13 rooms, including heating and electrical apparatus; for giving electric baths; business established three years; one of the finest locations in the city; will sell furniture with or without electrical apparatus; a splendid chance for physician; price, $2,000. Call at 460 West Washington-st., before 9 a. m. or after 5 p. m.

TO RENT—FROM MAY 1ST—HOUSE NO. 376 Michigan-av. Apply to S. HICH, 286 Sherman-st.

TO RENT—ONE ELEGANT HOUSE ON PRAIRIE-av., $65. Two on St. John's place, 12 rooms each; one $45, one with barn, $36. Four on West Washington-av., 3-story frame, 12 rooms, $50 and $55. W. A. CHAMBERLIN, 160 LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—FIRST-CLASS 14-ROOM HOUSE, STONE front, Prairie-av., near and south of Sixteenth-st. Call at 579 Michigan-av.

TO RENT—TWO-STORY FRAME, CORNER OF Throop and Harrison-sts., with barn. Rent, $900. NOYES & WILLARD, 160 LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—TWO SMALL COTTAGES ON ALEXander-st., nice quiet neighborhood; will be vacant May 1. WALTER P. DEAN, 177 East Madison-st., Room 7.

Suburban.

TO RENT—IN EVANSTON, BEAUTIFUL NEW residense, 12 rooms, in a fine grove, with grounds extending to the lake; the whole or part; furnished or unfurnished. Within 40 minutes' ride of the city; near depot; rent reasonable; or will board one or two small families; will furnish horse and buggy to depot if so arranged. Address HOMESTEAD, Index office, Evanston.

TO RENT—PINE SUBURBAN HOME, WITH barn and beauty, large lot, trees, shrubbery, etc., location convenient to steam-cars (Desplaines-st. station); only 30 minutes' drive from Court-House. Also, a house of 9 rooms on Butterfield-st. (No. 616) at very low rental. M. L. WHITMAN, at store 172 Lake Madison-st., from 12½ to 2 p. m.

I WANT A PHYSICIAN OR DRUGGIST WITH A few hundred dollars to take half interest in a well-established drug store. Address G 34, Tribune office.

I WANT A MAN WITH $800 TO START A MEAT-market. Inquire this week, 1417 BRIGHAM & CO., 15 Methodist Church Block.

I WANT A GOOD, HONEST MAN WITH ABOUT $800 to join me in a business paying 200 per cent profit, and no risk; carpenter preferred. Apply to D. McFREDSON, 10 to 5, Room 15, 146 Madison-st.

THE STOCK, FIXTURES, AND GOOD-WILL OF the oldest established jewelry business in Denver, Col., for sale; invoices from $15,000 to $20,000. Full particulars, and reason for selling, will be given by addressing JEWELER, Lock Box 2490, Denver, Col.

TO CIGAR MEN—THE ENTIRE CITY TRADE OF one of the best cigar-stands in the city. A rare chance. Address F 95, Tribune office.

THE INVENTOR OF ANDERSON'S MAGIC STOVE furniture (a great economizer of fuel and of material) is ready to contract for the manufacture of said furniture, returning to Canada, prime inducements will be offered for two days to first-class business-men. Call at 24 Madison-st., Room 1.

$300 WILL BUY ENTIRE FIXTURES OF A first-class restaurant, worth $700. Apply at 119 Fifth-av.

$500 WILL BUY HALF INTEREST IN $1,000 stock and business, paying a clear profit of $500 per month. 149 LaSalle-st., Room 7.

TO RENT—ROOMS.

TO RENT—2 FLOORS, 13 ROOMS, WITH WATER and gas on both floors, over Pekin Tea Co.'s store, 276 State-st.; also, basement 21x28, with good entrances front and rear.

TO RENT—FINE LIGHT ROOMS, ON GOOD terms, in Y. M. C. A. new building, 149 and 150 Madison-st. WM. A. HALL, Room 19 Major Block.

TO RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS ABOVE THE New York Store for $12 and $15 per month. Best of references required. Apply to F. F. RYAN, in store 294 and 296 West Madison-st.

TO RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS AT 66 WABASH-av., single or en suite.

TO RENT—WELL FURNISHED FRONT ROOM IN a private family for one or two gentlemen; brick house, 41 South Carpenter-st., near Washington.

TO RENT—LARGE FRONT ROOM, FURNISHED, near octagon-front dwelling. 239 East Indiana-st., between State and Dearborn.

TO RENT—ROOMS FOR HOUSEKEEPING FOR man and wife, at 336 West Jackson-st., near Centre-av., at $14.

TO RENT—A LARGE FRONT ROOM OR SUITE, newly furnished, to first-class parties; new brick house, octagon front, 423 West Monroe-st.

TO RENT—TWO FLOORS, FIVE ROOMS EACH, on State-st., between Fortieth and Forty-first; rent, $14 per month. Apply to H. REINHARDT, 176 State-st.

TO RENT—NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS AT Kingsbury Block, Randolph-st., near Clark.

TO RENT—IN THE FIRST-CLASS RESIDENCE, 220 West Monroe-st., a furnished room to gentlemen.

TO RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS, SINGLE OR EN suite; best location in the city, and lowest rents. 161 South Clark-st., Room 11.

MUSICAL.

A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY—A NEW AND MAGnificent rosewood piano forte, full 7 octave, overstrung bass, agraffe attachment, new improved scale, elegant case and moldings, richly carved legs and lyre, made by Messrs. J. Bauer & Co., Fifth-av., New York, and Palmer House, Chicago; cost $950; for sale, with stool and cover, at $250. No. 643 Michigan-av.

FOR SALE—A NEW FINE-CARVED 7-OCTAVE piano and double-reed organ in very cheap for cash; also a Cocker's melodeon for $40. 59 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—BY WASHINGTON-ST., CABINET organ; very cheap. LLOYD G. GAGE.

PIANOS FOR RENT, $5 TO $7 PER MONTH: ALSO, a variety of second-hand pianos for sale, from $150 to $350 cash; also, one second-hand Hazelton Bros. piano. M. GOODELL & SON, corner Wabash-av. and Adams-st.

PIANOS FOR SALE AND TO RENT, REPAIRING and tuning, at the Chicago Piano Factory, 345 State-st., by J. PRESTON.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE—A STEINWAY CABInet piano; one world trade for it; a well-located, unincumbered lot in the city. Address C 43, Tribune office.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—ON THE NORTH SIDE ON TUESDAY evening, a ladies' gold watch, for which the finder will be rewarded on delivering it at 150 Chicago-av.

LOST—A FUR COLLAR ON LARRABEE-ST., BEtween Sophia and Centre. The finder, by returning the same to 300 Division-st., will be liberally rewarded.

LOST—SMALL SUM OF MONEY—BETWEEN 42 Madison and Union, and Leavitt-st. and Ashland-av. Finder leave at 34 St. John's place and receive reward.

LOST—A LIVER-COLORED SPANIEL DOG. $5 reward will be paid for his return to 334 West Madison-st.

LOST—AN ABSTRACT OF SOUTH SIDE, BEtween LaSalle and State-sts., and Twelfth and Monroe-sts. Whoever will return same to subscribers will be suitably rewarded. WILLARD & NOWLEN, 128 Randolph-st., Room 1.

$5 REWARD—FOR THE HANOVER FIRE INsurance memorandum book and papers therein. S. M. TURNER, Palmer House; no questions asked.

CLAIRVOYANTS.

MRS. DR. CLEVELAND, THE WELL-KNOWN magnetic and clairvoyant doctress, can be consulted at her office, 164 West Lake-st., and will be assisted by one of the best magnetic healers in this country.

DIVORCES.

DIVORCES—LEGALLY OBTAINED, NOT FRAUDulently. Fees after decree. 20 years' practice in the courts of Chicago. Address Post-Office Box 1057.

TO RENT—HOUSES.

TO RENT—BY MOREY & MAGILL, 77 SOUTH Clark-st.:

257 East Indiana-st., 14 rooms, $125.86 per month.
178 Park-st., 12 rooms, $100 per month.
246 South Paulina-st., 9 rooms, $25 per month.
243 Ogden-av., 9 rooms, $45 per month.
795 Warren-av., 12 rooms, $50 per month.
636 West Monroe-st., 8 rooms, $50 per month.
338 Adams-st., 11 rooms, $65 per month.
335 Washington-st., 12 rooms, $100 per month.
48 Thirteenth-st., 6 rooms, $30 per month.
56 West Adams-st., 12 rooms.
157 Loomis-st., 11 rooms, $40 per month.
429 Warren-av., 7 rooms, $25 per month.
111 Peoria-st., 14

THE CHICKEN-CONTROVERSY.

Another Gathering of Roughs at Hobart, Ind., Yesterday.

Futile Efforts of the Citizens to Stop the Disgraceful Exhibition.

Two Battles Fought and Won by Louisville.

The Main Drawn and Bets Declared Off.

The Score: Chicago, 6---Louisville, 5.

Very Near a Row.

The Chicago-Louisville cocking-main was resumed at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in the Roper Hotel, at Hobart, Ind., and broke up amid much excitement after Kentucky had won two fights. The number of people in attendance was about the same as on Wednesday, but they were of a rougher class, and made more noise. It was stated in Thursday's TRIBUNE that the village authorities granted a license for the main. This was incorrect; and does the people of Hobart injustice. They did everything possible to prevent the "disputes" taking place in their town. A committee went to Crown Point and consulted the Prosecuting-Attorney, but he informed them that there was no statute which prohibited chicken-mains, and hence nothing could be done. The proprietor of the hotel was next appealed to, and urged, for the sake of the reputation of the village, to annul his contract with the "sports," the Committee even offering to pay him the sum he was to get for the use of the hall if he would do so. He could not be moved, and accordingly the main came off simply because there was no power to interfere with or stop it. Nearly every one in Hobart expressed himself as opposed to the disgraceful exhibition, and regretted that there was no law to hinder Chicago roughs and gamblers from making Lake County their stamping-ground. They purpose agitating the matter, and will endeavor to get the Legislature of Indiana to pass a law which will protect them from the incursions of the riff-raff of this city. It was stated yesterday that efforts would be made to have the hotel-proprietor indicted, but for what crime no one seemed to know.

THE FIRST FIGHT

of the day and the tenth of the main was between a red pyle of 5:1 and a black red of the same weight, the former representing Chicago and the latter Louisville. The pyle had the worst of it from the beginning, being almost cut to pieces. He was gaffed a dozen times during the eight rounds, and became very weak from loss of blood. When placed on the ground after the seventh handling he fell on his back, and made no attempt to prevent his comb from being picked out piecemeal. He tumbled over on his back at the commencement of the ninth bout, and, being utterly unable to do anything, Chappel gave up the fight. The Kentucky bird had the call at even bets when the cocks were pitted, and odds were offered on him afterwards, but there were no takers. About $70 changed hands.

This result made four battles won by Louisville and six by Chicago. The odds that the latter would win the main were $100 to $25, but no one would accept such bets. An offer of $10 to $100 that Kentucky would be victorious went begging.

A BIT OF A ROW.

Some fault was found by the Chicago backers after the fight above mentioned was over, they asserting that the battle was lost because the gaffs were not properly adjusted on the pyle, an examination having shown them to be too much on one side. It was also asserted that the temper had been taken out of the gaffs, and that they were so flexible as to bend "without trying." Hawley Chappel, who handled the bird, contended that he had the right to heel the cocks as he thought fit, words ensued, and, in consequence of the dissatisfaction expressed, Chappel refused to handle any more. Much chin-music followed this announcement, and a man who had been betting on the Louisville chickens offered odds that if Chappel kept on he would win the main. He was to get $600 if he were successful, and there was some talk to the effect that Jerry Monroe wanted to beat him out of it. This was not true, as there were other reasons, to be stated hereafter, which brought about the difficulty between Chappel and Monroe, and which apparently justified the fault-finding. Much complaint was registered in oaths at the delay which ensued. The time, however, was spent in

DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.

Many regarded Chappel as a "square, up and up fighter," and others unhesitatingly asserted that he was up to all the tricks, and would throw a fight for money as quick as any other chicken-fancier. Why these uncharitable and discreditable charges were made it was difficult to tell. Chappel had won six out of ten fights, and seemed to be anxious that Chicago should be victorious. On Wednesday he used a handkerchief to wipe the blood from the bills of the cocks. This was searched for, and smelt by one man, who claimed that it had been saturated with chloroform. Such an outrage,

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in that way, was unheard of in pit-annals, and the act was bitterly denounced. The handkerchief, however, was not sprinkled with chloroform, but with cologne, and though it might be objectionable, it certainly could not put the cocks to sleep. Outsiders, who knew nothing of the "tricks of the pit," but were anxious to have Chicago win, thought it very strange that Monroe should jeopardize the result of the main by bringing in a new handler. During the discussion among the spectators the betting changed materially. At the opening, offers of $100 to $10 on Chicago were made in vain. After the first fight, $20 to $100 on Louisville found no takers, as it was very probable that the main would not be fought out, and hence useless to put up the money.

Chappel was advised by several of his friends to take out his chickens, and have nothing more to do with the contest; but he declined to interrupt the proceedings and end the main in such a summary manner. Fifty dollars to $25 were offered that Louisville would win the next battle, but no one squandered his money.

THE SECOND BATTLE.

After an intermission of three-quarters of an hour, George Barrows having been selected handler by the Chicago party, O'Neil and he appeared in the pit, the former having a brown-red, and the latter a black-red, each weighing 4:13, and the twelfth fight began; $10 to $8 were taken on Kentucky. The cocks went at it as soon as let loose, and gaffed each other in the body several times in rapid succession, the first round ending by Kentucky's gaff remaining fast in Chicago's head; $5 to $4 and $5 to $3 on Louisville. In the second bout the black-red got the worst of it, and was struck at every fly, without making a counter; $10 to $6 on Kentucky, and no takers. Chicago also came off second best in the next round, and was knocked off his feet. He, however, recovered himself in the fifth round, and sent Kentucky on his back, and gaffed him in the body. Getting weaker, the advantage was of no avail, as Kentucky, who was fresh, gave it to him right and left in the next round, and blood began to flow freely from his mouth; $25 to $5 on Kentucky, and no investors. Chicago failed to come to the scratch in the eighth round, and Louisville went over to him and pecked at his eyes; $10 to $1 on the brown red. The other moved once or twice---gasping for breath---and then lay still, trembled, and died.

THE SCORE

now stood 5 for Louisville and 6 for Chicago, and the ground in the pit having been beaten down so as to be dry and hard, the prospects for Kentucky winning were much improved. O'Neil had complained all of Wednesday of the condition of the sand in the pit, being very wet, and the cocks, after fighting awhile, were as damp as if they had been dipped in water. The Chicago cocks labored under the same disadvantage; but the two chickens O'Neil showed in the battles given above flew better than those pitted on the day previous, their wings being dry all the time.

As soon as the last fight was over, Monroe, O'Neil, and every one else except about a dozen, left the hall---the spectators to get a drink, and the men named, as supposed, to get other birds. Presently Monroe returned, and approaching the referee said to him: "I have been

ROBBED OF TWO FIGHTS.

My cocks are poisoned." When this charge became generally known, the "boys" returned to the room, and began "chinning" as to its truth or falsity. Some claimed that they had noticed that Chicago's birds, especially the one that fought last, was unwell---that he appeared very weak, and was unable to fly as he should have done. To an inexperienced eye, the bird appeared to be all right; but the knowing ones maintained that his comb turned black after he had been gaffed two or three times---an evidence that he had been tampered with.

CHARGES OF TREACHERY.

The room on the second floor, where the Chicago birds were kept, was full of excited people, who were swearing at Chappel. He was charged with being at the bottom of the trick, some saying that he administered the poison himself, and others that he knew who did it. All seemed to be united upon the point that something injurious had been given the cocks, but what it was they could not determine. The feed in the pans was carefully put away for analysis, and it was proposed to find out what was the matter. One of the men had in his hands a pretty "red," which was trembling violently, and seemed to be suffering pain. This, strange to say, was the only one of the "poisoned" birds exhibited; the others were kept in their coops. The poisoning theory was not credited by some, they holding that the birds had been "thumped" on the thighs and rendered incapable of exertion by that means. This hypothesis gained many advocates, but neither party could convince the other that they were right.

MORE TALK.

Nearly an hour and a-half was exhausted in talk, but finally Monroe sent in word to O'Neil to heel a 5:3 and they would have a battle anyhow.

When the birds were brought into the room, O'Neil asked Monroe if he intended to fight out the main.

Monroe made an evasive reply, and O'Neil said there had been a good deal of dissatisfaction shown, and if it was the intention to fight only one battle, or to let another fight depend upon the result of the contest between the birds then in hand, the main might as well be declared off.

Monroe remarked that he would tell after the fight was over whether he would go on.

O'Neil would not do that; he must know then. If he lost the fight Chicago would have the advantage, and would, of course, want to go on; but if he won it the battles would be even, and the main would be drawn. He desired to go right ahead, whether his bird was whipped or not.

Monroe then offered to fight the cocks for $200.

O'Neil would not accept.

While this conversation was going on, the spectators kept crowding into the pit, and, before the talking was half over, the disputants were surrounded by the mob. The words were uttered rapidly, and much was said by O'Neil and Monroe which could not be heard on account of the noise and wrangling of the outsiders.

Monroe then offered to let the "boys" decide whether the main should go on.

The "boys" shouted "draw."

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arose and addressed the mob as follows: "The two persons in this fight has agreed to make a draw of the whole main; therefore it is a universal fizzle right here. The thing are declared a draw right here. All bets on the main is off, and bets on fights after this will be haphazard. They must settle the draw money and pay expenses among themselves. Men who have outside bets can draw them, as it is no fight at all."

This ended the speech-making, and the crowd slowly found their way down stairs, growling and cursing at the result, and keeping it up while going to the railway station and returning to Chicago.

THE TERMINATION OF THE MAIN

in such an abrupt manner saved the lives of a few cocks for a month or two, and so disgusted O'Neil that it is not likely that he will ever make a match with Chicago again. It will also have its influence on other chicken-fighters, and they will probably keep away to avoid similar occurrences. Hence a better ending could not have been desired---since it will prevent another such exhibition of cruelty to animals in this vicinity for some time.

THE COURTS.

Miscellaneous Business Transacted Yesterday.

MORE TROUBLE FROM LOMBARD.

Homer Cook, the Assignee of Ben Lombard, is again on the war-path, after assets for Lombard's creditors. In the bill filed yesterday in the United States District Court, Cook alleges that a year ago or more, Lombard owned Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in Banon's subdivision of Block 30, in Brand's Addition. Being indebted to the Franklin Bank in the sum of about $140,000, he conveyed these lots in trust to James H. Rice, to secure the indebtedness to the bank. Cook alleges that Rice did not know of such conveyance at the time it was made, and that the whole proceeding was done by Lombard to defraud his creditors. Since Rice has learned of this valuable transfer to him, he has refused to reconvey to the Assignee, alleging that he bought the land in good faith. This Cook denies, and asks that such pretended transfer may be set aside and the property conveyed to him in trust for the creditors of the bankrupt ex-President.

BILL FOR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

Gertrude L. Smith filed a bill for specific performance yesterday in the Circuit Court against Frederick Schlender, John F. Rupno, and Perry N. Powell. Complainant states that in May, 1872, she agreed to buy of Schlender Lot 14 in Assessors' Subdivision of the southeast quarter of Sec. 26, 41, 12, containing 22½ acres. One hundred dollars was to be paid in cash, $1,025 in August, 1872, and the remainder in two equal annual installments. The $100 was paid, but the abstract not being ready the time of the next payment was extended. A bill was filed by Schleuder to clear his title in the spring of 1873, and a decree rendered in his favor. In September, 1873, an abstract was made showing a clear title in Schlender, and furnished to complainant's solicitor. An arrangement was made to complete the contract Oct. 1, but Schlender failed to make his appearance, and has since sold the land to J. F. Rupno. Complainant asserts her willingness to carry out her contract, and asks for a specific performance from Schlender.

THE PEOPLE'S OMNIBUS AND BAGGAGE COMPANY.

The Assignee of the P. O. & B. Company filed a report yesterday in bankruptcy, stating that he had published a notice to the effect that he would receive bids for the property of the Company up to April 1, the property consisting of 281 horses, forty omnibuses, and various shops and stables. In response thereto he has received bids ranging from $26,000 to $30,100, and also a bid from Walbesig for the amount of his lien. A rule was made for any persons who have objections to sale to John Hise for the above amount, $30,100, should file them by Tuesday.

HEAVY UNDER SUIT.

William F. Mayhoe commenced a suit against David B. Fisk, a member of the firm of D. B. Fisk & Co., a large millinery firm, claiming $100,000 damages for an alleged slander.

In the case of Goodrich against the Seabird, which came up on exception to the answers of the defendant, Judge Blodgett sustained the exceptions, and granted a perpetual injunction. Several years the Seabird was lost off Waukegan, and numerous suits were brought by representatives of the persons who lost their lives, for damages. By a law, owners of a vessel were allowed to be discharged from any liability in such case where the accident happened without their fault, on bringing the amount of the vessel's value or that of its cargo into court, if any remained after a disaster. In the present case some $400 was paid in, and an order was asked limiting any further prosecution of the suits, which order was granted, and an appeal was taken.

Judge Drummond is engaged in hearing a petition for review in the case of the Milwaukee & Northern Railway Company.

The Meeker will case is at last ended and given to the jury, who are still out.

In another column will be found decisions in the "puts" case, and on the motion for a new trial in the National Life-Insurance Company case, which involves a conflict between the Federal and State courts. Also, a detailed account of the judgment against J. Y. Scammon for $150,087.25.

UNITED STATES COURTS.

John M. Trumbull and W. A. Dryden, began an action against the the Weir Plow Company to restrain said Company from manufacturing a patented plow or cultivator covered by complainants' patent.

BANKRUPTCY ITEMS.

James B. Bray was adjudicated a bankrupt by confession, and a warrant issued returnable May 9.

In the case of Daniel Mason the report of the Assignee was ordered to be confirmed, unless objections are filed in ten days.

In the matter of W. H. Murray, an order was made for a hearing and creditor's meeting to be held May 19.

A similar order was entered in the matter of Henry Liebenstein et al.

In the matter of W. K. Swallow, proprietor of the Barnes House, an order for the examination of Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Louisa Smalley, and N. J. Vandensen was made to be held April 10.

SUPERIOR COURT IN BRIEF.

Marshall S. Kingsland began a suit for $2,000 against the Erie & Pacific Dispatch.

Moses C. Younglove began an action for $2,000 against A. H. Andrews, H. L. Andrews, T. S. Hayden, B. W. Smith, and W. C. Smith.

Oliver G. Bryon brought suit agrinst John B. Knight, claiming $3,000 damages for an assault and battery.

Carrie E. Sherman sued John B. Young for $1,500.

The International Bank began a suit against Carter H. Harrison for $2,000.

Robert Greer commenced an action of trespass against T. M. Bradley, N. B. Boyden, and Dennis Simmons, laying damages at $15,000.

Richard M. Hoe, Robert Hoe, P. S. Hoe, R. Hoe, Jr., J. T. Tucker, W. J. Colby, and T. H. Mead began a suit in assumpsit against J. Y. Scammon for $10,000.

Eugene H. Lewis began a suit in trespass against Peter Winter, claiming $10,000 for a "verbal slander."

CIRCUIT COURT.

Jonathan Bowman commenced a suit against Samuel J. Walker for $2,000.

Archibald Campbell filed a petition against Bernard Heeney for a partition of Lots 43, 46, 47, and 50, in C. H. Walker's Subdision of the N. W. ¼ of Sec. 34, 39, 14, into two equal parts.

Henry C. Stedman sued J. L. Newman for $1,000.

Margaret C. Stedman commenced a suit in trespass against J. S. Newman, laying damages at $5,000.

THE COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Bastian Van Drunen, his will was proven, and letters of administration with the will annexed were issued to Walter de Graaf under an approved bond of $4,000. Renunciation of executrix named in will filed.

John McCaffrey was appointed administrator of the estate of Owen Pierce, under an approved bond of $8,400.

John Kuhn's will was proven, and letters testamentary were issued to Eva Clara Kuhn as executrix, and her individual bond of $10,200 was approved.

In the matter of the estate of John L. Davis, grant of administration was allowed to Ellen Davis, under an approved bond of $3,000.

In the matter of the estate of Charles Wredt, grant of administration was allowed to Charles Ivrn under an approved bond of $3,000.

Maria Leek, executrix of the estate of Joseph Brown, having removed beyond the limits of the State, and no answer having been filed to the citation published for thirty days, was ordered removed from office.

The claim of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for $7,477.08 against the estate of David Wilkins was allowed.

Thomas Evans presented a claim for $131 as administrator of the estate of Hugh P. Hughes, and the same was allowed.

The sale of the real estate of the late John Weishaar was confirmed.

The guardian of Jesse A. Smith, a minor, presented his annual account, which was approved, and leave granted to withdraw vouchers.

The following cases of alleged insanity were tried, and the jury returned verdicts of insanity: John A. Evans, Michael Jones, Mary Ann O'Connor, and Cornelius Sullivan.

The suits for bastardy brought by Margaret Wright against James Eadie, and Mary Rose against Anton Koch, were continued.

In the matter of the estate of Ralph Hopps, a lunatic, Benjamin C. Luce, former conservator, appeared and filed a motion for the removal of Charles Benner, conservator, and the appointment of George Strong (of Wheeling) in his place; hearing continued till April 20, 1874, at 2 o'clock p. m.

THE CALL.

JUDGE ROGERS---169, 171, 173, 187, 188, 190, 191, 193, 194, 196, 198, 200, 201, 203, 204, 205.

JUDGE BOOTH---66, 69 to 80.

JUDGE TREAT---No call.

JUDGE FARWELL---1,351 to 1,375.

JUDGE MCROBERTS---10 to 32, except 15, 17, and 18.

JUDGE JAMESON---81 to 100, except 82, 84, 85, 89, and 90.

JUDGE SMITH---Assists Judge McRoberts.

JUDGMENTS.

SUPERIOR COURT---CONFESSION.---Russel Brothers v. Louis Mohns and Fred Wichmann, $218.75.

JUDGE MCROBERTS---Elison & Pomeroy v. John H., James G., and Sarah A. Underwood, $610.67.---A. N. Eddy et al. v. P. H. Treuliek, $306.33.---Chicago Composition & Graphite Company v. Lazar Wolf, $425.60.---Cornelius Haywood et al. v. William Fitzgerald, $166.---Henry Horman v. Frederick Buchanan, $304.30.---Webster Batchelier v. B. Fosson, $409.59.---Andrew Hubacett v. Peter Breitschneider, $291.71.---Illinois Type Foundry Company v. Francis A. Hoffmann, Jr., $200.---Melvin J. Mahr et al. v. J. J. C. Gillespie, $226.10.---August Mohr et al. v. S. C. Dore, $8,484.62.

JUDGE BLODGETT---Lucas v. Smith, $235.29.---Sayer v. Garrity, $96.98.---Same v. Mayo, $331.45.

CIRCUIT COURT---CONFESSION.---John D. Jennings v. John A. Rice, $970.35.

JUDGE ROGERS---Eliza J. Foss et al. v. Eben J. Chapin and Robert Foss, verdict $6,875, and motion for new trial.

JUDGE WILLIAMS---United States Mortgage Company v. J. Young Scammon, $150,087.25.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Charles Hess, a porter at the Parker House, was arrested last evening, charged with stealing two suits of clothing from boarders in the house. He was locked up in the Madison Street Station.

John Christiansen, a Dane, was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with stealing lumber from the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He is locked up at the Union Street Police-Station.

The alarm of fire from Box 79 at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, was caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp at No. 387 Archer avenue, owned and occupied by Felix Mackelroy as a saloon and restaurant. Damage to building and stock $100.

Yesterday afternoon, John O'Brien, a teamster in the the employ of Pickett & Carpenter, was thrown from his wagon on Clark street and severely injured. He was conveyed to his residence on Mohawk street by a policeman, and a physician sent for, who pronounced his injuries dangerous.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 9.---The river is now even with high-water mark, having fallen 1 inch in the last twenty-four hours.

A break has occurred 15 miles below the city, 30 feet long, through which the water is to-day rushing furiously. High winds have prevailed for two days, which have very materially weakened the levees, and in many places water is driven over or near.

Gen. Thompson favors the plan of cutting the levee below the Noyes Ship-Canal, 13 miles below the city. This canal is completed from Lake Borgne to within 300 feet of the river, and has a heavy embankment on each side higher than the levee. It is proposed to complete the embankment across the intervening space, and then open the river below for a distance of 2,400 feet.

Lake Borgne is fifteen feet below the level of the river, and, necessarily, much water would pass off this way. Two large plantations at least would be submerged by the plan, and perhaps more. Gens. Thompson and Longstreet are advising Gov. Kellogg to authorize the experiment; they maintain that the river can thus be lowered a foot. The work will probably be commenced to-morrow. The situation is grave, and people are inclined to favor almost any remedy, however desperate.

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.---The river declined 2 inches, and is now flush with the high-water mark of 1871. The breaks in the levee below Carrollton are closed. The low places within the city limits are filled and the weak points strengthened, dispelling apprehensions of an overflow. Two serious breaks occurred last night, one at Bohemia Plantation, 4 miles below Plaquemine Court-House, the other at Verbos Plantation, 25 miles below the city, both on the left bank of the river. A break is reported this morning 60 feet wide and 5 feet deep at Stockbone Plantation, on the right bank, 15 miles below the city. It is understood that steps have been taken for closing all the above-mentioned breaks.

MEMPHIS, April 3.---A telegram from Helena, Ark., to the *Appeal* to-night says Hush Harkaway levee, near Sunflower, Miss., broke again last night. The break is 100 yards wide. This endangers the whole of the Sunflower and Yazoo River bottoms, which are among the richest in the Mississippi Valley.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Oscar Patterson, believed to be the leader of the gang of burglars in St. Paul, Minn., whose spoils were found stowed in a cave excavated under Third street, was arrested to-day at Reed's Landing, where he had gone to join a raft crew. The police believe they can now have every member of the gang.

---Mrs. Sherstock, of Milwaukee, while attending a meeting of the Rebecca Lodge of Odd Fellows this afternoon, suddenly fell dead of heart-disease.

---There will be a reunion of the Fourteenth Illinois Volunteers at Shelbyville, May 27, 1874.

---Three thousand colliers are on a strike in Somersetshire, England.

---The fifth annual reunion of the Soldiers and Sailors' Association was held to-day in Jackson, Mich. The streets were crowded, and flags and banners floated from nearly every store. The Opera-House was filled to overflowing.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP NEWS.

GLASGOW, April 9.---Steamship Italy, from New York, has arrived.

NEW YORK, April 9.---Arrived, steamships City of Paris, from Liverpool, and Great Western from Bristol.

TEMPERANCE.

Reports from the Crusaders East and West.

Pittsburgh Women Warned Not to Obstruct the Sidewalks.

ILLINOIS.

CHAMPAIGN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 9.---The new city officers were sworn in to-night, immediately after which a committee of ladies, through Ald. Beardsley, handed in a petition signed by over 600 women, praying the Council not to license the sale of liquor. It was respectfully received, and laid over for future action, only one voting nay. In the Circuit Court in this county, Jacob Day, of Homer, was fined $600 and costs, and was given 180 days in jail for twelve illegal sales of liquor. For the same offense, Jacob Frost, of Urbana, was fined $100 and given thirty days in jail. Lewis Foster goes to jail for forty days and pays $50 and costs.

In the election of a School Board in this city, Mrs. J. B. McKinley and Mrs. J. Bacon were elected members by large majorities over Messrs. Beach and Miller.

SHELBYVILLE.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

SHELBYVILLE, Ill., April 8.---The whisky-ring are discomfited, and temperance people rejoice; for, at the election on Monday, whisky was voted down.

INDIANA.

LAPORTE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LAPORTE, Ind., April 9.---Prosecuting Attorney James A. Crawley, with the aid of the ladies, has already filed forty affidavits against saloon-keepers before Justice Fradenburg. The rumor is that seventy-five affidavits will soon be filed against one Charles Passehl, a saloon-keeper, if he does not close his business. Should he cease business, then no action will be taken, and the matter dropped as to him. This forenoon another saloon-keeper was arrested by Constables J. P. Isard and E. A. Albright on charges of having sold intoxicating liquors without a permit. He was taken before Justice Fradenburg for hearing, but the trial was postponed till to-morrow. The Justice and Constables suggested to him that if he would cease business and sign the saloon-keepers' pledge, no action should be taken. Instead of being, as generally supposed, officers of the law, they appear to be acting as a second-hand Temperance Committee, under the supervision and instruction of the Woman's Temperance Society. Much excitement prevails about the conduct of these officers of the law.

KOKOMO.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KOKOMO, Ind., April 9.---Considerable excitement prevails here in regard to an article in the City *Democrat* referring to the crusaders of this city as female roadsters, and using other degrading epithets. Unless an apology is offered through their columns, the result may be serious. There is a very bitter feeling towards the paper by the better citizens.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LAPORTE, Ind., April 9.---Twenty-one additional affidavits have been filed against saloon-keepers, all to be tried to-morrow. It was intended to have them tried to-day, but promises made by several of the unlicensed saloon-keepers to sign the pledge rather than to have the cases prosecuted, induced the ladies to postpone proceedings until to-morrow. To-night the saloon-keepers hold a meeting in regard to the matter. The purport of the pledge is that they will cease the sale and giving away of spirituous, malt, and vinous liquors, making it permanent, and the cases against those signing the same will be continued indefinitely. According to promise, five saloons will close to-morrow. Your correspondent has the above from one of the ladies on the Saloon Committee.

GOSHEN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GOSHEN, Ind., April 9.---A temperance-meeting was held in the Court-House this evening. J. C. Van Pelt, the reformed saloon-keeper, delivered a lecture of two hours' duration to more than 600 people. He related his experience with the terrible curse, intemperance, and said he would sooner be a highwayman than to engage again in the liquor-traffic. He made few points.

WISCONSIN.

APPLETON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

APPLETON, April 9.---The temperance crusade by the ladies is still in progress. To-day about fifteen of them have been visiting the saloons, praying, singing, and urging with the proprietors. They have been respectfully treated, but the only benefit so far is the offer of one saloonman to sell out and quit the business. No action has yet been taken on his proposition.

IOWA.

M'GREGOR.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MCGREGOR, Ia., April 9.---Extensive preparations are being made for a Union temperance meeting in this city, Sunday evening next. A permanent organization will be formed for the suppression of intemperance in this locality.

MICHIGAN.

SCHOOLCRAFT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SCHOOLCRAFT, Mich., April 9.---There was a large and enthusiastic temperance meeting at the Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Temperance Union of this place, last evening. Three to four hundred people were out, and speeches were made by the Hon. T. Laken Brown and twenty others, all strongly in favor of enforcing the law. The ladies are pressing the matter here energetically. Herman Kohl, of this place, has complained of Dan Waterbury, wholesale and retail liquor-dealer in Kalamazoo, for being a common seller, and the trial will be before Justice Daniel Bowe of this place.

OHIO.

AKRON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

AKRON, O., April 9.---At the last meeting of the City Council, the McConnellsville ordinance was passed. As this city has a population of 15,000, and is believed to be the largest city in Ohio which has adopted that ordinance, there is considerable speculation as to whether or not it can be enforced. Next evening after the passage of the ordinance, a mass-meeting was held, and the pen which was used by the President of the Council in signing the act was put up at auction, and, after spirited bidding, was sold to Ferdinand Schumacker for $252.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, April 9.---The crusade was renewed to-day. The Police Commissioners requested the Mayor to enforce the ordinance preventing obstruction of the sidewalks, and for the protection of business men in their lawful occupations. While the ladies were conducting service in the Red Lion Hotel, they were informed by the Chief of Police that the Mayor had issued instructions to have this ordinance strictly enforced, and that they would be liable to arrest for obstructing of the sidewalks. This created considerable excitement in their ranks, and they adjourned to their room, and appointed a committee to wait upon United States District Attorney Read, who advised them to hold their meeting inside the saloons when permission from the proprietor could be obtained, and not to hold any meeting on the sidewalks. This encouraged the ladies, and they continued their visits to some leading liquor houses during the afternoon.

VIEWS OF TWO MORE WOMEN.

CRUSADE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

The following appears in a local journal: "The Rev. C. A. Herman, of Cincinnati, has taken a determined stand against the women's temperance crusade. By his earnest opposition and forcible arguments, he seems to have attained a more than usual prominence." It is a glorious cause in which he has enlisted: Opposition to God, whose hand is plainly visible in this movement; and, if the Rev. Mr. Herman is taught of the Spirit, as he of course professes to be, he should see it. Opposition to law and order, and, in fact, everything good.

Why is this opposition? There is surely no harm done in warring against liquor,---one of the strongest enemies of mankind, as well as the most invincible; one of the chief causes of riot, murder, and, indeed, of every other crime; whose handmaid is poverty, and whose way is strewn with broken hearts and early graves. One-half the misery it has entailed on the children of men can never be estimated; and yet the Rev. Mr. Herman would put in a plea for the monster to go on his way unmolested. As we think of the homes broken and the lives blighted by this curse, the blood congeals in our veins when a voice is raised against using any and every possible means, whether the weak or strong be the instrument to lessen the power of liquor in the land. One life saved from the rapacity of the hungry-monthed demon is worth all the means that has been used. No one is obliged to enlist in this cause; it is a matter of choice. If the Rev. Mr. Herman and others of his stamp had seen, as probably most of these women have (for the blight touches nearly every home) dear ones daily going to destruction through the agency of this fearful evil, sinking lower and lower, drifting further and further away from everything pure and good; slaves to drink; manhood lost; judgment gone; likely, at any moment, to commit crime; transforming themselves by slow degrees into what makes one shudder to contemplate,---they would be a little more in sympathy with this movement.

No one expects that all the saloons in the land are to be closed; but the thing has been agitated; war has been declared, public opinion ventilated, and the matter will not rest until something is accomplished even more than has already been. This move has set people to thinking, and drunkard-manufacturers in many places do not stand in as high repute as they did previous to it.

The Rev. Mr. Herman says: "If our men would start a crusade against dry goods and millinery stores, and shut up about nine-tenths of them, the consequence would be, that our wives would be more economical; that they would be better housewives." No wonder that he has an eye to economy; for, if his reasoning in the pulpit is no better than out of it, and he gets his pay according, it must be very poor.

Dry goods and millinery stores are, comparatively-speaking, harmless institutions, and have nothing to do with the liquor question; it is not a parallel case. I suppose the reverend gentleman would like to shut up nine-tenths of the stores he mentions, and own the other tenth. Almost anyone would like such a corner. There would, in that case, be no necessity for him to carry a load of anxiety concerning the economy of men's wives. But this saloon-business affects every man, woman, and child in community; it is everyone's business. True, the world is full of wrongs to be righted; but this is the giant wrong,---the root from which spring innumerable evils. Taken in all its bearings, it swells to the proportions of a pyramid; while others, by comparison, seem to dwindle away to ant-hills. From a background of minor ills, with brazen face, it stands out in bold relief, challenging to combat. Let these women alone; they have entered the list; the battle may be long, but their courage will not fail. It cannot be deemed that they have accomplished more than legislation or the pulpit has ever done in this matter, and they will not give it up; they are awake now, and will not soon slumber. To find out possibilities is a great step gained; what has been done can be, and they know it. Wherever and whenever a blow can be struck for temperance, it should be; and whenever a tooth, if it be but one of the many millions with which Intemperance grinds its victims, can be extracted, it should be. Nothing but persistent, prayerful effort will ever make headway in this battle. It must be strike---strike; now here---now there---everywhere. It is not a question of expediency, but duty. Do not fight against God, reverend sir, nor presume "to bless whom He has not blessed."

BITTERSWEET.

ANTI-CRUSADE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: It is often well to pause in the midst of a great excitement, and think. What will the end be?---is a good question to ask when emotion runs high. It is a good time to ask it now. A religio-temperance movement, wholly unique and unprecedented, sweeps the country; but whither is it leading?

Were there no such natural law as that of action and reaction, thoughtful people might contemplate the good that is being done---and done by women, who are usually credited with doing nothing---with unalloyed satisfaction. But this great law works everywhere. A ball rebounds; the tide ebbs back to the sea; a flowing stream that is dammed rushes with greater force when the barrier gives way. It is the same in society. Up and down, back and forth, human feeling oscillates like a pendulum; and, whenever there is a swift and breathless rush forward, we may calculate upon a backward swing proportionately rapid. The prayer-movement is just now the forward rush; but it has got to go back,---and what then?

Prayer is a good thing, and liquor-selling is a bad thing; but whether mere prayer can uproot the evil, and whether the deadly upas will not freshen and flourish all the more, like a green bay tree, for its shaking, and for the pious tears that now water its roots, are questions to think about. Here is the doubt and the danger that loom ahead.

Reformation---the sort that is real and permanent---is not often a result of sudden and violent upheaval. It is the sure and slow-working leaven which elevates and purifies. Improvement is a thing of progress.

Progress is one thing; a spasmodic push ahead is quite another. The liquor-seller who abandons his traffic because he is fully convinced of the evil and the sin of it, has washed his hands of it forever. The one who empties his kegs and barrels in a moment of sudden emotion, is very likely to fill them again.

As to the praying itself, to what or whom do these women address it? To God, or to the saloon-keepers? If it is to God, can He not hear and answer them at home or in His churches? Is His ear the more open to their petitions for kneeling upon muddy pavements and filthy saloon-floors?

If it is to the liquor-sellers that they really pray, why address God at all?

Reasoning, persuasion, pleading across counters and over rows of whisky-barrels, addressed directly to the men designed to be reached,---with the praying left out, as done somewhere else,---would be a better method. It is the parade of religion which, while it strikes some with an irresistible terror, rouses others to combat. It is exposing a sacred thing to insult. Jesus condemned the Pharisees who prayed standing at the corner of the streets. These praying enthusiasts are not Pharisees; they are honest and deeply in earnest; and yet they have adopted a Pharisaical method. They pray in the streets, often in the midst of a ribald, jeering crowd.

The motive is good. What these women do is courageous; it is heroism itself; but that does not prove it to be wisdom. They take the attitude of persecuted martyrs; but martyrdom may be but crucified fanaticism. "Lookers-on see more than players." We, here in the heart of the country, behold---from a distance---our praying sisters; and, even while we respect their devotion, we wonder at them. We are shocked that pure and modest women, such as we believe them to be, should do anything to rouse the demon of riot,---should be the means of calling together a howling, cat-calling, obscene mob.

But, let them be as successful as they may with the liquor-sellers, they do not reach the bottom of the matter at all. There is a vast and deadly growth, which we should rejoice to see uprooted. They are pounding away at the top, lopping off a branch here and there, and giving the whole thing a good shaking. But it would be better to strike at the roots at once. Could every liquor-seller in the land be prayed down to-day, a fresh crop would spring up to-morrow. As long as there are drunkards, mad with thirst, there will be somebody to gratify that thirst, and make a living by it. As long as the people will support the traffic, the traffic will go on, either openly or in secret. When the accursed passion for drink is eradicated from the people, then, and not till then, the saloon-keeper will find his occupation gone.

A FARMER'S WIFE.

OBITUARY.

Capt. Charles Symonds.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 9.---Capt. Charles Symonds, who came to St. Paul twenty-three years ago, died this morning. He was formerly commander of an English merchant vessel, and afterward resided at Boston, moving from there here.

A Railroad Incident.

From the Rochester (N. Y.) Union.

A few days since we noticed the fact that many of the engineers on the New York Central Railroad were obliged to make three trips per day---given no time to rest, or hardly to eat. Yesterday on the fourth page of the *Union* were related several instances of interest of railroad-engineering. We have a case of a more recent date. Within a month one of the engineers on the Central Railroad, who had been making his three trips per day for several days, and was worn out and exhausted, ran his engine on a turn-table in Buffalo, awaiting the arrival of the express from this city before starting out to take another train to this city. He fell fast asleep---and it must have been refreshing to him. He was suddenly awakened by a yardman, and, in his bewilderment, supposing that the express had passed, he started from the turn-table to collide almost immediately with the express. The only damage done was to property. This engineer was discharged immediately from the service of the Company. Nature demanded its rights---the engineer succumbed; the Railroad Company exercised its prerogative, and threw him out of work.

CASUALTIES.

Four Men Killed by a Boiler Explosion in New Jersey.

Three Children Killed and Thirty Wounded by a Similar Accident in Glasgow.

Four Persons Killed by a Boiler Explosion.

NEW YORK, April 9.---At 6 o'clock last night, a terrible explosion occurred at Pattenburg, N. J., causing the death of four of those employed around the boiler, and injuring several others. It appears that one of the five boilers used for compressing air for the use of the drills that are being worked in the Jugtown tunnel exploded, causing the total destruction of the four others. As all who were in the immediate vicinity of the exploded boilers are dead, it is impossible to know how the accident occurred. The names of the killed are: Thomas Irving, master mechanic; John Bonen, fireman; Jacob McGeraghaty, coal-passer, and Thomas Gaughan, fireman. Mrs. Simmons, who was driving past in a carriage at the time of the explosion, was probably fatally injured by being thrown from the carriage, the horses having taken fright and run away. A number of persons were injured by the flying debris.

Fearful Boiler Explosion in Glasgow.

LONDON, April 10---5 a. m.---A steam boiler of the factory of W. Hamilton, near Glasgow, explo